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JADE IS GROWING IN CONFIDENCE.

## Jade's confidence growing as she learns to stand

**THE GEM reported last year that Jade Elizabeth Owen had been to St Louis in the US as the first stage of a two-operation procedure to help her overcome her cerebral palsy and enable her to walk.**

The good news is that Jade is undergoing intensive physiotherapy and her dedication and hard work means that she can now stand with the aid of her leg braces.

The photograph (left) shows the confidence that Jade has gained in her ability to stand.

Jade's leg muscles are gradually strengthening and this means that she can stand for longer. The next phase is to get a special walking frame which will enable her to make progress. The acquisition of this frame is currently in hand. The date of the second operation has not been scheduled but, hopefully, it will be in July; however, this does depend on the medical situation and the success of the fundraising.

by GORDON TRIGG

The centre of world excellence for Jade's condition is in St Louis, Missouri, where Dr Parks performs an operation called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy (SDR). Dr Parks is coming to the UK in April and will see Jade in order to assess her improvement in preparation for the second operation. Despite the good news, the fundraising must continue in earnest in order to fund the extensive physio and the second operation. Jade and her family remain optimistic and positive and send their thanks to all those who have made contributions, big or small.

For small or large donations, go to your local Barclays Bank and donate to 'Jade's Wish to Walk' account or go online to [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jade-Elizabeth-Owen](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jade-Elizabeth-Owen).

Any donation will go directly to help Jade walk. Jade's efforts to improve in her college studies and her physical well-being are exemplary.

## Heroin addict burglar is jailed for two years

**A MOTHER who was asleep in her home with her family felt "violated, frightened and unsafe" after being burgled.**

At Cardiff Crown Court, the intruder was jailed for two years after admitting charges of burglary and fraud.

Dean Yearnshire, 42, of Heol Llan, North Cornelly, broke into the house in Meadow Avenue, Kenfig Hill, on the night of February 9.

He took a River Island handbag, including credit cards, and later used one of them to buy jump leads at a petrol station in Pyle.

He was arrested after being recognised on CCTV. Yearnshire, said prosecutor David Pugh, had previous convictions for 51 offences, including burglary and making off without payment.

His solicitor, Robert Chudleigh, said: "He is aware of the aggravated circumstances and knows his fate."

"It was a sorry episode and at the root of his offending is his heroin addiction, though that does not excuse his behaviour."

Recorder Gregory Treverton-Jones said: "You have a bad record for various offences and for repeat domestic burglary. You must expect to lose your liberty for a considerable time."

Report by AJ SICLUNA

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## Bridgend and the Vale sign up for City Deal investment

**Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and the Vale Council have joined eight other local authorities in signing up to a deal designed to stimulate economic growth.**

The £1.2 billion Cardiff Capital Region City Deal aims to transform the economy of south-east Wales and was formally ratified during a ceremony on March 1.

The City Deal includes 10 local authorities: Blaenau Gwent, BCBC, Caerphilly, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire, Newport, Rhondda Cynon Taf, The Vale and Torfaen.

The City Deal includes funding of £734 million for the South Wales Metro, of which over £500m is provided by the Welsh Government (WG) and £125m from the UK Government.

The UK Government has provided a £375m contribution, and the 10 councils have agreed a

commitment to borrow a combined total of £120m as part of the Wider Investment Fund.

BCBC's contribution is £11.28m, and this will be borrowed and repaid over 10 years.

The Vale Council is contributing £17.9m. This includes the cost of repaying any loans plus the interest.

A Vale Council spokesman said: "This does assume that the council borrows the

monies required to fund our share of the costs.

"How the council will fund the allocation will be reviewed and included as part of the forward financial planning process for the council."

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## 'Head in the sand' over Ford crisis?

I WAS astounded to read that Madeleine Moon MP has said she was "blindsided" by the uncertainty surrounding the Ford plant's long term future and the worst case scenario that 1,100 jobs could be lost if no new business is secured.

Where on earth has Mrs Moon been? Not only is she out of touch when it comes to representing her constituents' views on Brexit, but she also seems to be unaware of developments at a major manufacturer in her constituency.

This comment demonstrates

how much she, Carwyn Jones and the Labour Party have had their heads in the sand over the last year – when it comes to Ford.

The job insecurity at Ford has been rumbling on since June and there has been a distinct lack of action on behalf of both – instead, leaving it to the unions to fill the void and do the groundwork, in an effort to safeguard hundreds of jobs.

It's high time that the Welsh Government stepped up to the plate and attempted to convene an urgent meeting between the First Minister and senior Ford executives in Detroit, to gain assurances from the company's leadership on the future for the

Bridgend plant.

The Welsh Government must also be prepared to do all it can to incentivise the production of the next generation of technologically advanced petrol and electric engines, and ensure that the plant is efficient and globally competitive so that it is able to win new business.

The loss of over 1,000 jobs in Bridgend would be completely devastating, not only for Ford workers and their families but the wider community.

Alex Williams, Pencoed GEM NOTE: The author represents the Welsh Conservatives on Pencoed Town Council.

## DA IAWN!

WELL done, Morrisons for a great idea to celebrate St David's Day!

How pleasant it was to walk into the store in Barry on Wednesday and

be greeted by a very pleasant young lady wishing every customer a Happy St David's Day and offering one and all a lovely Welsh daffodil.

What a wonderful example for others to follow!

Carol Grant

## Coastal erosion and flood risk

PORHCRAWL residents are invited to attend drop-in sessions as part of an ongoing study into coastal erosion and flood risk at Beach Road in Newton.

Organised by Bridgend County Borough Council, the drop-in sessions will take place on Friday, March 17 in Old St John's Schoolroom, next to Sycamore House, Church Street, Newton at 1pm, 3pm and 7pm.

Each session will last approximately an hour and will include a presentation, as well as a chance to ask questions.

Coun Ceri Reeves, BCBC's cabinet member for communities, said: "The flood and coastal

erosion risk posed to land and properties in the Beach Road area is currently managed by a series of coastal structures. Welsh Government have provided funding for us to undertake a review of these coastal defence measures and develop a business case outlining what improvements may be necessary.

"We held an initial series of public drop-in events in January which were well attended. The next sessions on March 17 will look at the outcomes of our investigations and propose potential options for the future. We look forward to seeing as many local residents there as possible."

## Brexit will mean economic and social sanctions

'Alternative facts' present a major challenge to society, the economy and the environment.

There are some who are more interested in winning an argument than facts, figures, and the well-being of others in our society.

A letter published in The GEM recently stated: 'According to the BBC, leaving the EU will create 400,000 jobs.' Visiting the BBC's website, I found that the BBC had simply reported that 'Change Britain' (formerly 'Vote Leave') had claimed Brexit would create 400,000 jobs.

This projection was based on mythical future trade deals with countries like South Korea – with whom we currently have a trade deal due to our membership of the EU.

The BBC's analysis concluded that the projection 'makes very little sense.'

Manufacturers, including Ford, are concerned by Brexit and the UK leaving the EU's customs union.

Complex supply chains result in many components crossing our border multiple times, with just-in-time deliveries that are incompatible with delays and tariffs at customs.

Fine margins mean that jobs are likely to be lost in manufacturing, as well as banking and services.

Brexit means self-inflicting economic and social sanctions.

UK foreign aid (often raised alongside Brexit) is not an EU matter, but one for the sovereign UK Parliament and

Government. Foreign aid is a very complex way of winning influence around the world and meeting our obligations, eg paying the pensions of former British Colonial Officers in Hong Kong, etc.

A considerable amount of foreign aid never actually leaves the UK, assisting refugees and asylum seekers living here and funding internationally focused projects for our schools.

Much is paid to British companies for services and products, creating employment in Wales, and advantaging them in foreign markets.

UK foreign aid funds scholarships for foreign students to attend university in Wales; Cardiff has four universities.

Students from diverse backgrounds add much to learning, understanding and peer development. This money employs lecturers, etc and ends up in the Welsh economy.

Spending targets set by the UK Government do result in misspending – but the tabloid press are more interested in generating controversy and sales than informed discussion.

Democracy and governance does not have to result in any side losing, or one side winning. It should be about informed discussion, compromising and reaching consensus.

The UK government is failing us. Ian Perry, St Nicholas.

## 'Thank you for helping my wife'

JUST a few lines to thank the kind persons who assisted my wife after she tripped on the kerbing around the Cowbridge Town Hall car park on Wednesday morning, receiving considerable damage to her face and hand.

They escorted her to the Tenovus shop in the high street and then contacted me at home.

Unfortunately, they did not leave a forwarding telephone number, so we have not been able to thank them properly for their kind assistance.

Hoping they read this letter and accept our thanks. J and E Townsend, Llansannor.

## Anyone for a Welsh cake?



Margaret Morris wore traditional dress for the celebrations, and helped to bake Welsh cakes...

STAFF and residents at RMBI care home Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court, Porthcawl, have marked St David's Day with a Welsh cake-making demonstration.

On March 1, alongside the home's catering team, some of the residents had the opportunity to cook Welsh cakes, much like they used to do at home.

"Remembering our Welsh patron saint is a special occasion for our residents. Many of them hold fond memories of celebrating this annual event, so it's important for us to help them to continue the tradition; it also helps them to reminisce," said Rebecca Timms, business administrator.

## Burial charges are waived for children

BRIDGEND County Borough Council has joined a growing number of local authorities to scrap fees for the burial of children up to and including the age of 16.

Previously, no charge had been applied when burying children aged up to 12 in the council's cemeteries, but that age limit will now be extended to 16.

Fees are already waived for the cremation of under-17s at Coychurch Crematorium.

Coun Ceri Reeves, AM cabinet member for communities, said:

"Nothing can really ease the terrible loss of a child, but we wholeheartedly agree

that this is absolutely the right thing to do.

The heartbreak for grieving parents is unimaginable, so removing the charge for child interments means that there is one less thing for parents to worry about at such a sad time."

In recent months, Torfaen, Swansea, Caerphilly and many English councils have also agreed to abolish their burial fees for children, following a campaign that is being led by Carolyn Harris, MP.

The Swansea East MP has been leading the fight after she was forced to take out a loan to bury her eight-year-old son Martin after he died in a car accident in 1989.

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## BRIDGEND MAN BREACHED SUSPENDED SENTENCE ORDER

**A BRIDGEND man breached a suspended sentence order when a quantity of cocaine was found on him, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.**

Ryan Morgan, 22, told the police he had bought the drug, which weighed one gramme, for £40 the day before, said prosecutor Rebecca Griffiths.

Morgan, of Llangwydd Road, had admitted possessing cocaine and also admitted being in breach of a nine-month suspended sentence, which had been imposed for offences of indecent exposure

and affray. For possessing the cocaine, he was put on a six-week curfew, electronically monitored from 8pm to 6am. The suspended sentence is to remain, with an additional five-day rehabilitation activity.

He was ordered to pay costs and a court surcharge, totalling £250.

Ms Griffiths said that on December 10, police went to a disturbance in Bradfield Road, Bridgend, where they found Morgan in possession of drugs.

The affray, she said, occurred on August 8, 2015 in the centre of Cardiff.

Morgan was in the area and as a couple approached a taxi, he

exposed his penis, spat twice in a man's face, and tried to punch and fight him.

He became aggressive to the police, and kicked out at officers.

He later said he had no recollection of the incident because he had been drinking and taking drugs.

His solicitor, Nick Hartland, said: "Clearly, drink is an issue and he occasionally takes cocaine."

"He actually went a year without taking drink, and he also has a mental health issue. He is trying to obtain work in a gym."

**Report by AJ SICLUNA**

## Sony's decision 'shows confidence in Bridgend'

**MANUFACTURING in the Bridgend area has received another boost with the news that Sony in Pencoed is to make the company's 'top-of-the-range' camera.**

The top of the range 4K cameras, the HDC-4300, are being produced at Sony UK Technology Centre from this month - marking the first time they have been manufactured outside of Japan.

The Pencoed factory has been producing high-end broadcast technology in South Wales since 1999, manufacturing cameras and camera systems for worldwide distribution and shipping more than 13,000 units every year.

The latest 4k models, which recently won an award at the 68th Annual Technology & Engineering Emmy Awards, will be shipped from the facility for the first time this month.

Sony UK TEC's managing director Steve Dalton OBE said: "For our facility to have been chosen as the only manufacturer outside of Japan to deliver these next generation cameras is fantastic news for Sony UK TEC."

"This is one of many new, exciting ventures for our facility and our highly skilled teams, and we welcome this extremely progressive period here at Pencoed."

"These cameras are setting the standard in what will be the future of broadcast technology, so this



**ABOVE: the Sony Bridgend camera team.**



**LEFT: the Sony 4K camera.**

improvement.

"We are delighted to bring this progressive technology into Wales, which will once again reaffirm our nation's reputation as a significant manufacturing force on the global stage."

Sony UK TEC produces thousands of HD broadcast and professional camera systems each year. It also manufactures state-of-the-art products for external businesses, including energy efficient lighting.

The Pencoed facility also houses a 'Business Incubation Centre' and a 30,000-sq-ft filming facility - Sony Ffilm Factory 35.

shows confidence in our skilled workforce and the factory's ability to produce high-end, quality, products for worldwide distribution.

"Our expert team members have been thoroughly trained in the latest manufacturing techniques making them ideally placed to produce these industry-leading products."

"At Sony UK TEC we have nurtured our skilled workforce of over 400 team members ensuring they are experienced, constantly innovative and always striving for

## Hairdressing apprentices are chosen for Spanish adventure



**A YOUNG hairdressing apprentice from Sully, leaves on Sunday for a 15-day work experience placement in Spain.**

Jadene Bennett, 21, who works for The Hair Den in Barry, is one of seven apprentices chosen to go to Tarragona where they will work in salons and attend workshops at the Schwarzkopf Academy, Barcelona and the Institute Cal Lipolis, the college partner for the visit.

Jadene's apprenticeship in hairdressing is being delivered by Bridgend-based ISA Training, who have organised the Spanish work experience placement with funding support from the European Union's Erasmus+ programme for education, training, youth and sport.

"I am really looking forward to seeing how the Spanish people work compared to us and the different techniques that they use," she said. "I have always

been interested in hair and I like to experiment."

She has her sights set on international travel. "I like the idea of working and being able to see new places and visit different countries," she explained.

"The work experience in Spain will give me a good idea of what it's like to work away from home."

*Among the other lucky apprentices is Amy Wensley from USTU, Porthcawl.*

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Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its Bags of Help funding initiative, which sees grants of up to £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 - all raised from the 5p bag tax - being awarded to thousands of local community projects every year.

Shoppers voted in stores in the south Wales region throughout January, and Oldcastle Primary School has been awarded £5,000. object to life.

The funding will allow the school to develop its school garden and cob oven project.

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## Rotary Club celebrates St David's Day – Patagonia-style!



John Pearman and Rotary president Dr Bob Broughton.

**JOHN PEARMAN**, a Welsh learner, was the guest speaker at the recent dinner meeting of the Rotary Club of Bridgend.

He gave an illustrated account of the 162 Welsh speakers who departed from Liverpool on the *Mimosa* in May 1865, in search of 'Y Wladfa' in Patagonia.

The speaker traced their pathway through sparsely populated native Indian land from Puerto Andes, making progress with Welsh language, trade and forging friendships with the local

people whenever possible.

The pioneering Welsh settlers' influence on local traditions and the language is still evident in this predominantly Spanish-influenced country.

The talk was well received and a vote of thanks was given by Caron Jones in Welsh.

If you are interested in joining or wish to find more about Rotary, contact [www.rotarybridgend.org.uk](http://www.rotarybridgend.org.uk) or the secretary of the Rotary Club of Bridgend, on 01656 652181.

AJ

# FORUM CELEBRATES WITH A ST DAVID'S DAY BREAKFAST



Nigel Owens addressed the business breakfast.

(Left to right) Deputy Leader Coun Hywel Williams, Mary Pope of BCBC, Jo Plow, Coed-y-Mwstwr Hotel; Nigel Owens MBE and Bridgend Business Forum chairman Ian Jessopp.



**MORE than 140 business people attended a breakfast in celebration of St David's Day, organised by Bridgend Business Forum and supported by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) at the Coed-y-Mwstwr Hotel, Coychurch recently.**

At the sell-out event keynote speaker, Nigel Owens recounted amusing tales of his experiences both on and off the pitch. Business delegates were kept thoroughly entertained with his amusing anecdotes about matches he has refereed including stories of the players and characters he's met along the way.

His determination and tough decision-making were something guests could take inspiration from and apply to the challenging world of business too.

Ian Jessopp, Bridgend Business Forum chairman who opened the event said: "The forum represents the diverse blend of business sectors that are in the area, from smaller, owner-operator businesses to SME's and on to multinationals. The forum retains the ability to provide each of them with a level playing field to work with each

other and nurture business growth.

"Good business owners know we can't afford to rest on our laurels; we are always seeking develop our organisations and there is much support available through the forum and the council to enable us to achieve this."

Speaking at the event, deputy Leader of BCBC Coun Hywel Williams said: "It's brilliant to see so many businesses here today, speaking to each other and networking."

"In true St David's Day style, we are celebrating all that is great about Wales and in particular, the success of Welsh enterprise in Bridgend County Borough. Success is evident from the many excellent businesses here, today."

"The council is very proud to support the work of the forum."

"It remains a positive influence within the business community, promoting collaborative working and a vital link between the public and private sector in Bridgend county borough – which in turn enables local companies to develop, prosper and grow."

## European-funded work scheme 'to be extended'

**A EUROPEAN-funded scheme which helps unemployed people aged 25 or over to get back into work, could be extended in Bridgend county borough until 2020.**

The 'Bridges Into Work 2' project, which is backed by the European Social Fund, aims to improve the skills and employability of thousands of people who are long-term unemployed or economically inactive in some of Wales' most disadvantaged areas.

Participants are given

one-to-one mentoring to help them search for jobs, write CVs and improve their personal presentation skills, while there are opportunities to gain formal qualifications via vocational training.

Additional support is also available for people with barriers to employment such as work-limiting health conditions.

It began in Bridgend county borough in 2015, and is also running in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil and Torfaen. The project was initially funded until 2018, but cabinet members from

BCBC agreed last week to apply for a two-year extension after being 'impressed' by the impact made so far.

In two years, Bridges Into Work 2 has helped 31 people find work.

The 'Bridges Into Work 2' project targets economically inactive and long-term unemployed people aged over 25 who are living outside Communities First areas. There are other projects that target other age ranges and Communities First areas.

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## Graph watch that delivers vital medical assistance

**BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon met Michaela Richards, Stuart Littler and Akili Dore from the Global Kinetic Corporation at her Bridgend constituency office last week.**

They had brought along the Second Generation Parkinson's Kinetic Graph watch and the prototype Smart charger.

Mrs Moon said: "I was pleased to meet Michaela and Akili, who were visiting Wales from Australia, meeting focus groups with the new

'uMotif app', and to ask what facilities they would like added onto the watch.

"The second generation watch includes a watch face, a prompt for taking medication and a movement sensor that indicates how often and how people are moving and an alert facility if they fall.

"Because technology moves fast, they were also able to show me a Smart charger which they plan to launch on a trial basis in October this year. The charger will not only give a boost charge to the watch but will download the information held within

the watch to send to a consultant, who would be able to monitor progress, for example, for any change in medication outside regular appointments."

During the meeting, the MP expressed the wish that Bridgend becomes part of the launch of the Smart charger.

The MP has written to Andrew Davies, chairman of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board and had a positive response to potential funding of the watches in Dr Raha's Parkinson Clinic at Princess of Wales Hospital.



Stuart Littler, Akili Dore, Madeleine Moon MP and Michaela Richards.

## Specialist helps female cancer patients in Africa

**A SPECIALIST from ABMU has been helping women in Africa who suffer from a debilitating condition caused by breast cancer.**

Elizabeth Coveney was asked to join a team from Velindre Cancer Centre to spend a week in Sierra Leone, which set out last weekend.

The team, made up of breast surgeons and oncologists, invited Elizabeth to join them because of her expertise in lymphoedema – chronic swelling that develops when the lymph nodes or vessels are damaged or blocked, leading to a build-up of fluid in the tissues.

It is caused by damaged or removed lymph nodes, following cancer treatment or surgery, as well as non-cancer conditions.

Elizabeth, who is the National Paediatric Lymphoedema lead in Wales, said: "Women in Sierra Leone present with breast cancer in the advanced stage, which means they have also developed lymphoedema, and the team realised it would be useful to have someone with them who specialised in this condition."

"I have never done anything like this before. The invitation came out of the blue but I knew straight away I wanted to do it."

Elizabeth aims to teach clinicians in Sierra Leone some simple self-management strategies that they in turn can teach their patients.



Elizabeth Coveney.

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# Bridgend family help to raise awareness of cot death as tragedy strikes

**'SOPHIA WAS FIT AND HEALTHY...I PUT HER TO BED AS USUAL, BUT WHEN I FOUND HER IN THE MORNING, SHE HAD DIED'**



**Sophia Ewada:**  
Her death was completely unexpected.

**A BRIDGEND family who lost their 15-month old daughter to cot death – also known as sudden infant death – want to share their tragic story to help raise awareness of the condition, and the fact that older infants can still be at risk.**

Emad and Jo Ewada, of Brackla, also want to thank the team who helped them cope with their loss, as well as supporting them through the subsequent safe arrival of little Aminah, who was born last March.

Members of the Flying Start team were on hand after the tragedy to reassure the family during Aminah's birth, and as she now approaches the age her older sister Sophia was when she died.

Jo said: "Sophia was fit and healthy, I was an experienced parent, I put her to bed as normal, but when I found her in the morning she had died. It was completely unexpected.

"Everyone thinks that the risk of cot death lessens as they get older – you get the impression that once your child passes six months it's plain sailing, but people need to know the risks are there until a child is five.

"I don't think the condition should be called sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), it would be more accurate to call it sudden death syndrome in children, because it's not just infants who are at risk."

She and Emad now want to raise awareness of cot death and the advice offered by health



**The Ewada family from Brackla.**

visitors.

Although the Ewadas followed the guidance, it can help families reduce the risk of SIDS and includes always putting a baby on their back to sleep, keeping the baby smoke-free during pregnancy and never sleeping on a sofa or in an armchair with your baby.

"If by sharing our story, it helps save one child, then it will have been worth it," said Jo.

Sophia was the youngest of Jo and Emad's children – her big brother Yusuf is now nine and sisters Tamara seven and Alia, five.

Immediately after her death, Emad lost his job and Jo had to give up college where she was studying health and social care.

Flying Start health visitor Sam Knight, who began supporting the family after the tragedy, said: "Jo and Emad's lives changed in a second, their stable family life was no more.

"Not only did it have an unimaginable impact on their family and emotions, but they were also hit financially.

"We identified the needs of the family that had to be met and child and family support worker Rachel Pearce was able to give advice and practical solutions.

"Since then, as well as visiting regularly, I have been able to arrange counselling for Jo and Emad and for their children to have play therapy."

Sam is always on hand to offer emotional support when they need it, said the couple.

"The time between Sophia's death and her funeral was difficult for me because I come from a different culture where burial takes place straight away. That delay was killing me. But Sam is always here for me to talk to if I need to," said Emad, originally from Egypt.

Sam was also there when Jo discovered she was pregnant again and was able to help address the couple's anxieties over a new arrival.

"We were happy and shocked when we found out Jo was pregnant but it was a different feeling to the other pregnancies," said Emad.

Jo said: "We had talked about having another child, but it happened so quickly. I had a perfectly normal pregnancy with Aminah – but my worries dominated everything. I felt all the time that something was wrong. Fortunately I had a brilliant midwife in Julie Kemble – nothing was too much trouble for

her."

Early Years advisor Maria Harris also provided support to the family as she delivered an antenatal programme tailored to their situation.

"You think you know everything when you've had children before but after Sophia my confidence had completely gone.

"Maria has reassured me all the way. She is still helping me work with Aminah's sleep patterns, because the whole area of sleep is the main cause of my anxiety."

Following Aminah's safe arrival, Sam arranged for her family to be part of the Care of the Next Infant (CONI) programme, a specialist service for bereaved parents, devised by cot death charity The Lullaby Trust.

"There has been a whole support network for us all and I am now at the stage when I don't necessarily blame myself for what happened," added Jo.

All I can think about is just getting to Aminah's first birthday and we will go from there."

Her husband added: "The whole team does a really, really good job for people who need help. The service does really important work – it's been fantastic."

Sam said: "As a health visitor you don't stop with just the baby, you extend that support to whoever needs it in the family.

"Jo and Emad are such an inspiration to all of us in the health visiting team because they've allowed us into their lives at such a difficult time and we have learned so much from them."

The Lullaby Trust, which provides support and advice, has detailed information available to download: 'Safer sleep for babies – A guide for parents'.

For bereavement support, call 0808 802 6868; for information and advice, call 0808 802 6869.

## Survey 'to improve life in Bridgend'

**A NEW survey is asking local residents for their views on how economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being can be improved in Bridgend county borough.**

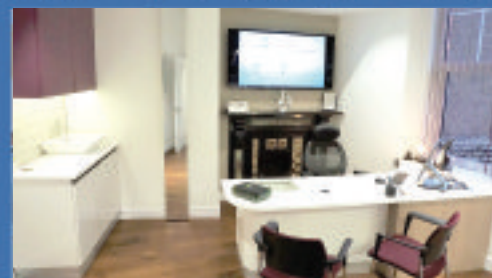
The Bridgend Public Services Board – which is made up of more than a dozen public sector and third sector organisations, but no service users – has picked out a series of 'strengths and challenges' across all

aspects of local life, and is inviting residents to comment on whether they agree with them.

The information will give the board a better understanding of what matters most to local people, and how organisations can work together now and in the future to plan and deliver services.

The 'Better Bridgend' online survey, can be accessed at [www.bridgend.gov.uk/BetterBridgend](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/BetterBridgend) and remains open until March 19.

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## 'The long-term future is bright for sheep farming,'

(SAYS THE BRIDGEND AM-BAAA-SSADOR)

**THE National Sheep Association's next generation ambassador, Bridgend farmer Jacob Anthony, is "enthusiastic and positive" about the future of the sheep sector, and feels the 12-month programme has "done a great deal" to help him with future challenges.**

He is one of a group of young people chosen each year by the National Sheep Association (NSA) and hot-housed to promote the sheep sector to the wider public, to encourage other young farmers and tackle issues facing sheep keepers around the UK.

The training aims to enhance personal development and business skills, as well as to improve technical skills and knowledge of the sheep sector.

Jacob told the NSA Wales/Cymru annual meeting that the benefits had been "enormous".

He had seen a variety of sheep management systems, better understood the way the supply chain worked and learned the rewards of networking with like-minded people and key figures within the farming industry.

Jacob said he was "hugely confident" about the future of the sheep industry. Sheep had been his passion since childhood:

"Ever since I was a young boy, my passion within our family business has been the sheep element. As the years have progressed, this has snowballed to the point where I wanted to increase the numbers at home.

"I feel that with improved efficiency this is a viable business decision. I'm really positive about the sheep industry moving forward because, although there

are hard times on the horizon, the long term future is bright.

"We are world leaders in this country in terms of improving efficiency, genetics and new grazing systems."

Jacob and his family farm 700 acres and lamb 800 Texel x Lleyen breeding ewes. The lambs are finished off pasture leys and sold to Dunbia through the Wales YFC scheme.

They run 150 suckler cows, mostly Welsh Black x Limousin. The male calves are sold entire as bull beef, with their feed including crimped barley grown on 100 acres.

The core farm business is supplemented with an equine forage business selling big square bales to the local market.

They also run a small family contracting business offering hedge cutting services, baling and drilling.

## Feast of Welsh music celebrates Saint David

**ON March 1, at Bethel community church, Maesteg, Cor Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch organised and performed a celebration concert to mark St David's Day.**

Sharing the stage with them, and performing in their own right, were Cor Merched Cwm Llynfi and Col Canto.

A full house was treated to a feast of Welsh music and the choirs were introduced to the audience by Huw Thomas. His expertise showed why he is employed by the BBC as their Arts and Media correspondent.

Cor Meibion opened the concert with two pieces, Men of Harlech

and Gweddîr Arglwydd, appetisers of what was to come for the rest of the night.

Then followed Col Canto with two pieces 'Polovitian Dances' and Glamorous Night, a solo piece by Wendy Kupinsky. Cor Meibion then returned with Tangnyfeddwy and Yfory these two items being conducted by Huw Morgan deputy musical director of the choir.

Cor Merched then began their performance with 'As long as I have music' and 'Ar lan y Mor' before two solo pieces by Gareth Blake and Chris Jenkins of Col Canto.

Cor Merched finished their first half with 'I dreamed a dream' and 'Cwm Rhondda' before two pieces jointly sung by the audience and the choirs.

The second half began with Cor Merched singing 'The Climb, 'Bugelio'r Gwentih

Gwyn', about a famous local love story, 'Sua Gan' and finally 'I will survive'.

Col Canto then returned with 'Pump o Hen Caneuon', 'Haywayman Love' sung by Ann Brayley, 'Aros Mae'r Mynyddau Mawr' sung by David Mayberry and finally a wonderful rendition of 'Ave Verum Corpus' by all of Col Canto.

Cor Meibion finished their performance with four traditional pieces 'Gwahoddiaid', 'Troyste's 'Chant', 'Rachie' and finally 'Finlandia', which was a favourite of our late chorister Bill Harries and which will be sung at his funeral.

The choirs then combined to sing 'Tydi a Roddaist' which was a great sound to end the

concert.

At the end of the concert, which was a great success, president of Cor Meibion, Huw Irrance-Davies AM, presented gifts to the very talented musical directors and accompanists of all the choirs.

Cor Meibion chairman Philip Bevan-Jones stated that as this evening was such a success, he hopes to carry it forward for years to come.

Thanks also go to Pastor Paul Marshall, of Bethel community church, for his support in the organisation of the concert, and also to Mark Lysyho of Maesteg Motor House, who generously sponsored the programmes.

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If you are interested in becoming a fosterer for Cats Protection's Bridgend Adoption Centre email [bridgend.manager@cats.org.uk](mailto:bridgend.manager@cats.org.uk) or telephone 01656 726621.

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I give notice that the following applications have been made. The application documents can be viewed during normal office hours at the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or on the planning page of the Council website. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications on land use planning grounds should write to the Council at the above address by the date specified under each category of application or submit their comments online. Objections received on applications are not acknowledged. Any representations submitted will be open to public inspection and objections supporters may be identified on the internet. The Development Control Committee operates public speaking arrangements. If you wish to register an interest to speak at Committee (should the application not be processed under delegated powers) please indicate in your response. For more information see 01056 643675.

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**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT**  
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**P117/140/US** Demolition of the existing Porthouse Sea Cadets Building—Porthouse Sea Cadets Building East Pier Porthouse by Porthouse Maritime Ltd  
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# Locals rally round to clear a beach walk to Rest Bay

**COMMUNITY spirit is alive and well in Porthcawl after 25 residents answered a call to clean up an overgrown lane which is notorious (all year round) for dog poo.**

Coun Norah Clarke told The GEM: "I advertised that a community clean up event of 'poo alley' was taking place on March 4 and 5, and asked for support from the community.

"Twenty-five Rest Bay and Nottage residents turned out to lend a hand working over the weekend. They were digging, lopping, brushing, moving debris to the provided skips, picking up all the dog mess and dog mess bags that had been dropped.

"Both lanes running from Sandpiper Road to Anglesey Way and Anglesey Way down to Rest

Bay were widened and cleaned.

"I would like to thank each and every one who turned out to help. Their help is very much appreciated!

"All we need now is for those using these lanes to look after them by picking up after their dog and placing the poo bag into bins and not onto the ground or into the hedgerow. Also by making sure that any litter is placed into a litter bin.

"The clean up over this weekend took 25 residents eight hours and we would ask that they are now looked after.

"The volunteers have now created the newly named 'Beach Walk' a fully wheelchair accessible pathway, so please let's keep our environment clean for residents, visitors and also our wildlife."



ABOVE and LEFT: Residents hard at work clearing up the path.

## AM in the Squirrel's Nest!



Suzy Davies AM (right) is pictured visiting the Men's Shed at Tondur.

**REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has visited the first Men's Shed in Wales – at Tondur Enterprise Park.**

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative Regional AM, was welcomed to the Squirrel's Nest which has 25 signed-up members who come from a wide area.

The Men's Shed movement is an organisation which is spreading through the country. It aims to give men somewhere to go and meet other men – although ladies are also welcome!

They used to meet at Ty Ardd in Bridgend, but when this

closed, they moved to Tondur.

Mrs Davies said: "I had a great welcome and was keen to see some of the activities that they carry out at their centre, which they run themselves.

"They make some beautiful wooden items, which they sell to raise funds, including some musical instruments which members actually played at an event called 'Pimp My Ukelele' at St David's Hall!

"The age range is quite large – from 40 to 80 – and they each pay £7 a week in subscriptions if they attend more than once, otherwise it's £3 a day. I would

say that this represents great value for money."

Mrs Davies said that it was important that men have somewhere to go to socialise.

She continued: "Women have always had organisations like the WI or Mothers Union where they can mix but many men can become isolated, especially if they are living alone with no family close by."

"The Men's Shed is a brilliant movement designed by men to make valuable use of their time and I am so pleased that it is spreading around Wales."

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## Guide me, O thou great retriever

**AN informative talk on the Guide Dog organisation was given by Coun Norah Clarke, at an afternoon tea for charity, held at Court Colman Manor, Pen y Fai, in aid of the Bridgend County Civic Charity Appeal and the Mayor of the county borough of Bridgend's charities.**

Norah mentioned that the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (now called Guide Dogs) started back in 1934 and Guide Dogs are the largest breeder and trainer of dogs in the world.

The organisation is supported by 11,000 volunteers throughout Great Britain and would be unable to continue without their help and support.

Puppy walking is only one of the 11,000 volunteering roles and she explained what a puppy walker's job entails when a puppy is delivered to their home. A puppy has to be trained to only eat its

meal to the sound of three blows on a whistle, which also helps with recall when the puppy is out and about running free. The puppy also has to be trained to go to the toilet on command.

The puppy will leave the puppy walker from between 12 to 16 months and will then enter into a training programme, and eventually will train with a guide dog mobility instructor, who will match the dog with a prospective guide dog owner. The matching of the partnership is very important.

A Guide Dog will be in service for approximately six to 10 years, when it will be retired, either with its guide dog owner, a friend or relative or to someone who would like a retired dog.

The next charity event is on Saturday, March 25 at the Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School hall: 'An Evening of Musical Splendour' at 7pm with Porthcawl Male Chor and local artists.

For further information and to reserve tickets (£5) contact Mari Major on 01656 651491.

# Brexit leaves my in-box!

**WHAT are the key national political issues in Bridgend? If you look at my email in-box over the last two weeks, the issues relate to mobile phones, expanding 4G and opening up 5G, the use of microbeads that end up in waste water, and reuniting child refugees with their families – the so called Dubs amendment.**

It is always helpful to keep track of the key issues which generate emails to me. For February, the top issues has been nurses' pay which is an interesting one. The decision on nurses' pay in Wales is devolved to the Welsh Assembly, but the decision made in Westminster does have financial consequences under the Barnett formula in Wales.

Most health policy issues are entirely devolved and my reply to constituents on such matters is to refer them to their Assembly Member.

If I was to take up their issue with the Department of Health, I would receive a polite but firm reply telling me that it is for the Welsh Assembly to respond. However, nurses' pay in Wales follows the recommendations of the NHS Pay Review Body, so on this occasion, I have written to the Secretary of State for Health to argue for pay increases for nurses, many of whom are facing financial hardship.

What is interesting is that Brexit has just about disappeared from the inbox. I had one email about young people and Brexit and a couple on trade deals, but after the snow storm of January, all has gone very quiet.

I expect that to change once the Lords start their third reading of the Brexit Bill, after they vote it comes back to the Commons.

*I have been busy in the meantime, looking at space, Norway, and meeting the King of Jordan. Talk of space, and images of Star Trek, Alien and Space Stations come to mind. The reality is that we have become very reliant on a much smaller but vital part of space, the satellite.*

For a little over 30 years, the UK has been playing a critical role in the design, building and expansion of satellites. Without satellites our sat navs, our mobile phones and much of our daily weather reports would be gone.

There would be no live streaming of video footage from the Porthcawl Life Boat Station, no monitoring of crop growth, land development location of wild animal herds or search and rescue missions.

So what is the link with Norway? Satellite imagery for a country that has months of the year covered in snow is essential for a variety of issues. With the opening up of the Arctic Sea it is critical for monitoring ice movements, wildlife numbers, possible search and rescue missions for the growing numbers of cruise ships and tracking cross border invasions with neighbouring Russia.

In fairness, the main problem of invasions comes from herds of reindeer who see the un-grazed Russian areas across the border as a wonderful opportunity involving a giant leap over a border fence.

I was in Norway last week as part of the Defence Select Committee inquiry into Defence in the Arctic. It was a seven-day, 10 plane and one helicopter exhausting visit in -15

temperatures. We were there to observe Royal Marines training, talk to the Norwegian military, police and border forces.

Movement in Norway in winter is mostly by plane but I did also try BV and skidoo travel. The BV is a military transport system that rolls on tank tracks and can cover snow or sand covered ground without the need for roads. We used them in Iraq and Afghanistan and now they are in Norway.

The skidoo is rather like a motor bike but on skis. Travelling across country by BV, then hanging on to the back of a skidoo to travel even further into the wilds of Norway brought me to Royal Marines preparing a night time encampment.

They were building snow ramps behind which tents would be pitched while sentries guarded sleeping marines.

It is wonderful that British soldiers take it in their stride that a woman comes out of the snow and starts asking questions about training, equipment and accommodation. It was also amazing to be stopped on a shooting range by a Sami herder looking for his reindeer, asking if it he could cross without risk.

The Russian/Norway border crossing was fascinating as cars moved freely back and forth.

## WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

**Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes an exclusive report from Westminster for GEM readers**



Shopping remains the main motivator as petrol is cheaper in Russia and baby nappies (nappies) are cheaper in Norway. The majority of tourists in the region appeared to be Chinese which came as a surprise.

People movements are also tracked by satellites. A major source of information about migration problems also come from satellites. The growth of a refugee camp can quickly be observed from space. Jordan is one of the top ten driest countries in the world so monitoring rainfall and river levels from space is vital for a country with 1.3 million Syrian refugees, 1 million illegal Egyptian workers and 350,000 Iraqis as well as large numbers of Palestinians.

The King of Jordan criss-crosses the globe, talking to heads of states, raising understanding, and trying to coordinate the peace process for the Middle East. He is highly respected everywhere he goes, as he brings new insights and understanding. Each year he meets the Defence Select committee to update us on events in the Middle East.

*Satellites did not prepare me for the leaking of a 5 Year Plan at the Bridgend Ford plant. My day before finishing this article, included two radio interviews before 10am.*

Then there was a meeting with His Royal Highness the King of Jordan followed by PMQs where I asked for support for the Ford workers. This resulted in more email questions from journalists.

Next was an evidence session on the High North. I cancelled a hospital appointment for tomorrow to follow up on the issues relating to the Bridgend Ford plant in Business Questions and the St David's Day debate in the Commons and ended this article. Off home to bed. Exhausted.

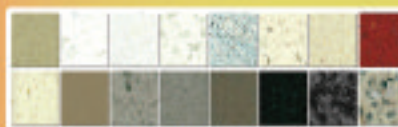
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A spokesperson explained: "Our new Cowbridge branch is the latest addition to the group and will provide a 'first opinion service' for small animals in a completely refurbished premises within walking distance of central Cowbridge. Easy accessibility and parking were important considerations when choosing the site."

"Whilst aiming to provide a local and personal service for owners and their pets, Maes Glas Vets can additionally offer state of the art treatment for a wide range of medical and surgical conditions at our new hospital in Bridgend."

"Maes Glas has close links with a range of specialists and provides an in house ophthalmology referral service with the Eye Veterinary Clinic. In a supporting role we offer physiotherapy and behavioural services."

"We take great pride in running our own out of hours service based at our Bridgend hospital

which is staffed 24 hours a day and with our interlinked computer management system, a full clinical history of your pet is available after hours to the team on duty. We are very excited about our new Cowbridge branch and look forward to welcoming all your pets."

## Merched y Wawr

**BUOM yn dathlu Dydd Gŵyl Dewi trwy gynnal bore coffi er budd Eisteddfod Genedlaethol yr Urdd 2017. Daeth llu o bobl i'n cefnogi ac i fwynhau paned, pice a chlonc mewn awyrgylch hyfryd.**

Diolchwn i'r bobl ddaeth i'n cefnogi, i Marged Hall am ein diddanu ar y delyn ac i fusnesau'r Bontfaen a gyfrannodd wobrau raffl hael.

Yn arbennig, diolchwn i Cath a Rob Thomas am ein croesawu i'w cartref.

To celebrate St David's day, we organised a coffee morning in aid of the Urdd National Eisteddfod 2017.

The event was exceptionally well attended as people came to enjoy a cuppa, Welsh cakes and a chat in a convivial atmosphere.

Our thanks go to all those who came to support us, to Marged Hall for entertaining us on the harp and to those businesses in Cowbridge who donated very generous raffle prizes.

We especially thank Cath and Rob Thomas for welcoming us into their home.

## WELL DONE, FFION!

**RIGHT: Proud Ffion is presented with her certificates – to a big round of applause at Porthcawl.**



**TRINITY Care and Support is a charity in Porthcawl supporting people with learning disabilities and their families and carers.**

Ffion Roberts is a member of the day service club and on Saturdays, she works alongside the snack teams at Trinity Church.

Paul Holmes, from PH Training,

volunteered his time to support the local community and put in place a tailored assessment around Ffion's needs to recognise the work she had done.

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## Cross-party support for tidal lagoon in Assembly

**MEMBERS of the Welsh Assembly have written to the Prime Minister to emphasise the degree of cross-party support there is for the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon project.**

Details of the letter were released by Huw Irranca-Davies' office, and a spokesman said that support had been widespread.

The letter said: "While ultimately a decision for your Government, we strongly support the recommendations of the Hendry Review that this should be given approval as a 'pathfinder' project, because we recognise the potential benefits run far deeper than one might ordinarily expect of a single energy project.

"This project can unleash, quickly, a level of private capital investment rarely seen in Wales. It will see new industrial facilities built and new life breathed into Welsh industry large and small.

"It will draw our students towards the STEM disciplines and offer them a credible prospect of deploying their skills in the country of their birth.

"It will attract attention for Wales AND the UK on an international stage as a global

leader in this renewable technology, and contribute to our climate-change objectives.

"It will create opportunity for new ventures in leisure, tourism and associated maritime activities by attracting visitors in potentially very large numbers.

"Above all of this, it will contribute hugely to the image of Wales as a place where exciting and transformational projects can be imagined and delivered: a dynamic Wales looking to the future.

"You may be aware that other cities and regions of south and north Wales are already looking into the possibility of following Swansea Bay's lead. They too have the natural resource and they too are in the market for new ideas that can shift the dial in terms of employment, investment and regeneration. These positive benefits will ultimately be seen across Wales, and beyond Wales too.

"There may be a long way to go but there is only one way to find out. So we are greatly encouraged that the UK Government's independent review concludes that taking that first step at Swansea Bay is a 'no regrets' decision.

"In Wales, we have watched

this project take shape over a good number of years now, garnering more and more popular support as it has matured. With the publication of the Hendry Review that support has solidified into real expectation among the people of Wales.

"In a debate in the National Assembly on February 14, a motion welcoming the Hendry Report and supporting the case for developing a tidal lagoon energy industry in the UK was passed with absolutely no dissent. In the debate the Minister for Economy and Infrastructure reiterated the in principle support of the Welsh Government saying:

"We agree with Hendry's approach for a small scale pathfinder project as soon as is reasonably practicable to understand the impacts of such developments ...we welcome Hendry's observation of the very strong case for the proposed Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon to be that small scale pathfinder project, as it is currently the only project in an advanced state of preparation necessary to become a pathfinder in the near future."

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The finalists: Laurence Hunt is fourth from the left. Photos by Nigel Kaszubowski.



## Rotary Young Musician final

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THE final of the Rotary Young Musician competition was held on March 4 at the University of Cardiff School of Music.

Eight young students competed for the honour of being the musician to represent Rotary District 1150 at the regional final, to be held in Telford on March 26, and had come from as far afield as Aberystwyth, Rhondda, Brecon and Milford Haven.

Porthcawl Comprehensive's Laurence Hunt was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Porthcawl and had recently won the area final.

Despite again playing the piano to an extremely high standard, he was unable to repeat his earlier success with his chosen pieces by Chopin and Brahms. The club is proud and honoured to have sponsored Laurence

and each Rotarian wishes him well in his future studies.

The overall winner was 14-year-old harpist, Huw Boucher, who was sponsored by the Cardiff Breakfast Rotary Club and in second place was 13-year-old saxophonist Daniel Davis, sponsored by the Cwmbran Vale Rotary Club.

To have eight such talented musicians together delighted the audience which came away from the evening having been wonderfully entertained.

Congratulations must go to all the musicians, their parents and tutors and to the Rotary clubs who sponsored not only the eight musicians on the night, but also all the other competitors in previous rounds.

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The winner, Huw Boucher.

## Incinerator letters are handed over

AROUND 150 letters from people in Barry calling for improved consultation regarding a licence for an incinerator close to Barry Dock station and nearby homes were handed in at the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) offices on Newport Road, Cardiff.

The consultation process is due to end on May 8. There will be a public meeting next



Tuesday (March 14) at 7pm in the Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent. Contact the Docks

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# St David's Day celebrations!



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THOUSANDS of people across Wales celebrated their Welsh heritage across the country on St David's Day, March 1.

Vale photographer Andy Wicks was on hand at City Hall in the capital where hundreds gathered for the annual parade.

As the parade made its way through the streets of Cardiff there

was applause – not just from Welsh people, there were also international visitors who enjoyed the colour, spectacle and good humour of the day.

The Senedd at Cardiff Bay was also lit up in the colours of the Welsh flag. Downing Street also hosted a St David's Day reception.

MEANWHILE, St Nicholas C/W Primary celebrated St David's Day in style – with the whole school transformed into a sea of red.

The children in their houses Ty Glas, Ty Melyn, Ty Coch and Ty Gwrydd, participated in an exciting carousel of activities, including cooking Welsh cakes, designing a new Welsh rugby shirt, making 3D leeks, learning about the cultures and customs of Wales and creating a Welsh twmpath.

The afternoon ended with an Eisteddfod, where the Welsh national anthem, Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau was sung.



Ava's poetry competition entry.



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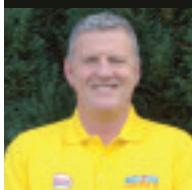
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# Primary school pupils have two celebrations

IT was a busy week in school last week, as Gladstone Primary children and staff celebrated both St David's Day and World Book Day.

The whole school wore red for Wales on March 1. The school eisteddfod took place during the afternoon, celebrating Welsh culture with Welsh Folk Dancing, the story of St David, Welsh singing, and the presentation of prizes for art, handwriting and poetry.

The celebrations

concluded with the churning of the year-6 Bard – Liberty Wilson – for her fabulous poem entitled 'My Wales'.

The following day was World Book Day and the children were encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. Exciting literary activities took place throughout the day to promote the love of reading.

Children in years 5 and 6 participated in the 'Biggest Book

Show on Earth' in Barry Memorial Hall where they listened to different authors and illustrators (including author Eloise Williams), talking about their books and the importance and significance of reading for pleasure.

"Thank you to all our Gladstone families for helping us to celebrate these two very important days," said Caroline Newman, headteacher.



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# Penarth bakery fined for hygiene offences despite being warned

A **PENARTH** bakery, **Penarth Bakery Limited** on **Plassey Street**, has been fined more than **£10,000** after committing **36** hygiene offences and its owner **banned** from managing a food business for **10 years**, following a case brought by **Vale Council**.

Cardiff Magistrates Court heard how officers from Shared Regulatory Services, the body responsible for monitoring food safety standards in the Vale, found serious breaches of hygiene regulations, including the presence of rodents, when they visited Modern Bakery, trading as Penarth Bakery Limited on Plassey Street in the town.

A number of visits were made to the business, which was acting as a food manufacturer supplying other outlets, as well as its own retail shop.

The breaches of food hygiene regulations found were so serious that officers had to intervene in the interests of public health, with a total of 11 improvement notices being served.

The breaches identified at the premises included:

- Poor personal hygiene.

- Failure to protect food from contamination.

- Filthy premises that were in a poor condition.

- Storing high-risk food out of temperature control.

- Failure to ensure that adequate procedures were in place to control pests. Rodents and insects were not controlled at the premises.

- Placing unfit food on the market.

- A failure to implement and maintain written food safety procedures at the business, demonstrating a lack of control and care.

- A failure to comply with eight hygiene improvement notices.

Appearing in court last Thursday, Gareth Spray pleaded guilty to 28 offences as the food business operator, in respect of food hygiene, and a further eight offences for failing to comply with hygiene improvement notices.

He also pleaded guilty to two offences for placing food on the market which was unfit for human consumption.

The same offences were admitted by the company, Penarth Bakery Limited, with an additional offence of failing to display the sticker illustrating their 'zero' food hygiene rating.

In sentencing, District Judge

Bodfan Jenkins described Mr Spray and his company as having a "flagrant disregard for the law" and insisted there had been an "appalling catalogue of behaviour by all involved, as to the state of the premises and equipment, enough to turn one's stomach."

He described the efforts that had been made to rectify problems as being "too little, too late."

Mr Spray was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, suspended for 12 months, for the two more serious offences of placing food on the market which was unfit for human consumption.

He was ordered to undergo an unpaid work requirement of 200 hours and a rehabilitation activity requirement of up to 15 days.

For the other 36 offences, he was fined £200, giving a total of £7,200. He was also ordered to pay costs of £1,400 and a victim surcharge of £115.

Mr Spray was banned from participating in the management of any food business for 10 years.

In addition, Penarth Bakery Limited was fined £1,300 for each of the two more serious offences and £200 for each of the remaining offences, making a total of fine of £10,000. The company was also ordered to pay costs of £1,400 and a victim surcharge of £200.



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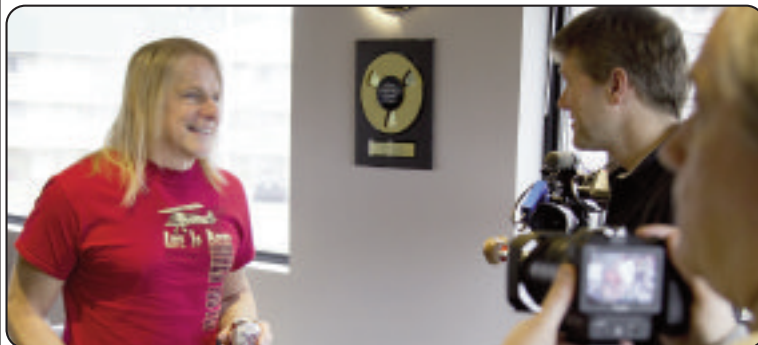
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# Deep Purple docu a 'dream come true' for local man



A DOCUMENTARY filmmaker from Barry will have his latest film – on rock legends Deep Purple – premiered on Sky Arts this Saturday (March 11).

Craig Hooper produced and directed *Deep Purple – From Here to Infinity*, a documentary following the hard-rock pioneers as they write and record their 20th – and possibly their last – studio album.

Craig, who lives in Rhose, said: "This was a dream come true for me. I've been a fan of Deep Purple since I was a teenager at Barry Boys Comp. Documenting them writing and then recording their album was an amazing experience – their levels of musicianship are off the scale."

"It was also nice to spend some time with them off camera, socialising. They're all genuinely nice and very funny people."

Known as one of the most incendiary bands on the planet,

both on- and off stage, Purple rode the crest of the tidal wave of musical innovation in the early 1970s. They helped create a whole new genre of music, recording a string of classic songs such as 'Smoke On The Water', 'Black Night' and 'Strange Kind of Woman' and selling in excess of 130 million albums on the way.

Craig and his team, including Dinas Powys cameraman Trevor Burgess, managed to get a unique insight into the creative process as they filmed Purple writing and recording in Nashville and Toronto.

Craig, who also runs the BA Journalism course at the University of South Wales in Cardiff, said: "I've worked with the band previously. I'd made a documentary about bass player Roger Glover, who's from Brecon, for ITV Wales and we produced a DVD for lead singer Ian Gillan. It was nice to be asked back and a bonus that we got to spend a few weeks in Nashville and Toronto."

The film also sees the band reflecting back on the many highs and lows of a career that's influenced generations of musicians, and they consider a future choice – to retire gracefully or keep on rocking into their seventies...

An extended version of the documentary will also be available with Deep Purple's new album, *InFinite*, which is being released worldwide on April 7.

Craig, who started his journalism career writing for The GEM, is already working on his next project – running the International Vampire Film and Arts Festival in Transylvania at the end of May – as well as teaching journalism and investigating his next rock documentary for his company Coolhead.

*Deep Purple – From Here to Infinity* is on Sky Arts at 9pm on Saturday, March 11.

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## VALE BAND NOMINATED FOR BEST ALBUM AWARD

**VALE-based band Aaronson have been nominated for Best Album at this month's Cardiff Music Awards for their debut album, *Appearance and Reality*.**

Their brand of instrumental post-punk takes influence from New Order, Explosions in the Sky, and Bauhaus to create a unique sound.

The band was formed in 2014 by guitarist Mark Creese and bassist Daniel Duddridge from the ashes of a previous band. Both had kept themselves busy writing material independently,

but it was when they got together to play their ideas that they realised they may have something different.

Mark said: "Both of us had been trying new styles of playing our instruments and when we put them together, we had so many sections that fitted perfectly, it was quite overwhelming. We had so much good material, we knew we had to get something out there."

After adding Nick Sweetland on drums, the band began to build their reputation as a must-see live act. They played regularly across south Wales and Bristol, with

The Album Wall blog voting them one of the best bands of HUB Festival Cardiff. This allowed the band to record their debut album with Manic Street Preachers' producer Loz Williams at their Cardiff studio.

Dan said: "We worked through each track methodically, playing live, and we were really prepared which meant we were able to lay down all the songs in two days. Loz did a great job in retaining the edgy live sound we wanted."

You can vote for Aaronson to win Best Album over at

[www.cardiffmusicaward.co.uk](http://www.cardiffmusicaward.co.uk). The winners will be announced at an awards evening held at the Tramshed in Cardiff on March 30.

Listen to the album: <https://open.spotify.com/album/1U8Dmu84dAZejpbz7DSxVY>; buy the album:

<https://itunes.es/gb/5ol0eb>;

Watch Aaronson:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h\\_fU2Su0mw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_fU2Su0mw)

## Promise auction in aid of championship

**THE Welsh Ploughing Association is fundraising for the 2017 All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championship by holding a 'promise auction' on Friday, March 31,**

The event takes place in All Hallows Church Hall, Miskin. Viewing starts at 6.30pm, and the auction starts at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Anyone wishing to offer any promises, should telephone 01446 710376.

## AM's surgery

**VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery this Saturday, March 11, from 10am-11am at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street, Barry.**

No appointment is necessary.

For further information, please contact Camilla Beaven on 0300 200 7110 or [Camilla.Beaven@assembly.wales](mailto:Camilla.Beaven@assembly.wales)

## Porthcawl floral arrangement demonstration

**AT Awel-y-Mor on Wednesday, March 15 at 7.30pm a flower demonstration will be given by Jayne Morris: 'Strolling Thro' the Garden'.**

Everyone welcome, doors open at 6.30pm.

## Volunteers meet

**THE Commissioner for Older People's representative, Kate Hughes, will be talking to**

**Age Connects Good Neighbours volunteers on Saturday, March 11 in St Iltyd's 216 restaurant in Llantwit Major at 10am.**

Anyone with an interest in volunteering is welcome to come along; call the Good Neighbours coordinator on 07434634131.

**Learn to see stars**  
**BARRY and District Astronomical Society** invites you to a free two-part presentation at Barry Island Community Centre: Part 1 is on Monday, March 13 from 7.30pm to 9.30.

They will explain telescopes and astronomical accessories, show how to make the most of observing and astronomical imaging sessions, and offer advice on buying gear.

**Part 2 takes place on Monday, March 27 from 7.30pm to 9.30** when attendees will be introduced to the changing skies and learn how

to find the best cosmic objects as they reveal themselves, month by month through the seasons.

Tea/coffee and biscuits plus social mingling will end these evenings, which will also be an opportunity to discover what the society has to offer.

For more information, call 07855 352147 or 02920 551704.

**Coffee morning**  
**THERE** will be a coffee morning at Murch Bowling Club, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys on Saturday, March 28, 10am-12noon.

Bric-a-brac, cake stall, nearly new stall, raffle etc. All proceeds in aid of Parkinsons UK.

## Branch coffee

**mornings**

**THE National Autistic Society Cymru is holding the following coffee mornings at Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road,**

**Barry on April 1, May 6, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 9.**

For more information, email: [nascardiff@nas.org.uk](mailto:nascardiff@nas.org.uk)

**Lions' Book Fair**  
**ON April 7, 8 and 9 from 9am to 4pm, Bridgend Lions Club return to Westward Community Centre, Llangewydd Road, Bryntirion, Bridgend, CF31 4JR (opposite the chip shop).**

Buses run from Bridgend Bus Station; catch the Cefn Glas circular bus.

Thousands of books for sale covering all categories. All books are in good condition and competitively priced. Coffee and light refreshments will also be available

All proceeds will go to Lions' charities. For further information about this event, contact [admin@bridgendlions.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridgendlions.org.uk) or find us on Facebook.

## Shaken, not stirred

**ANYONE who would like to appear on stage singing 'Elvis' songs, can go along and join the chorus and/or dancers for PAODS' production of the musical inspired by the music of Elvis**

**Presley.**

All Shook Up will be staged in the Pavilion in May 2017 and a warm welcome will be extended to all, particularly men singers!

Contact Barrie Wilson, secretary on 01656 788148 or [barriewilson1@sky.com](mailto:barriewilson1@sky.com)

## 'Lenten Lunch' at St Iltyd's Newcastle on March 11

**ONE of Bridgend's oldest churches, St Iltyd's in Newcastle, is holding a 'Lenten Lunch' on Saturday, March 11.**

Tickets - which cost £3.50 with proceeds going to Y Bwthyn Newydd - include a mug of soup, bread and hot drinks, and a chance to look at one of the town's most historic buildings. All are welcome.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/saintiltdybridget/](http://www.facebook.com/saintiltdybridget/)

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## Logan, a fitting farewell to a truly incredible comic book character

**E**VER since the *X-Men* burst into their cinematic incarnation in 2000, the stand-out character of the universe has been Hugh Jackman's Logan, otherwise known as the Wolverine.

Seventeen years after his debut, Jackman is finally hanging up the adamantium claws in *Logan*.

Set in 1929, *Logan* sees Jackman's title character beaten, bruised and with his body on the edge of giving up. Living a secluded life along with Professor X (the returning Patrick Stewart) and fellow mutant Caliban (Stephen Merchant), Logan is trying to stay away from violence and conflict.

However, when he discovers a young mutant by the name of Laura (Dafne Keen) who has a similar skillset to him, and who is being pursued by the Reavers, led by Donald Pierce (Boyd Holbrook), Logan's attempts to find peace are given a short, sharp wake-up call...

Much has been made that this is the final time we'll see Hugh Jackman play the iconic character of Wolverine; and given that his previous two solo films haven't really captured the true essence of the character, Logan sees Jackman and director James Mangold (who directed *The Wolverine*) in the last chance saloon when it comes to crafting the definitive cinematic take on the character.

The last chance saloon metaphor is quite apt: this is, for

all intents and purposes, a western; Logan, the veteran gunslinger, living the quiet life of peace until trouble comes knocking at his door. It may say 'superhero film' on the door, but save for the occasional familial genre element, this is the most 'non-superhero, superhero' film since *The Dark Knight*.

Jackman and Mangold have really made the attempt to do something different, to re-purpose the superhero film, to take it places it very rarely goes, and it's something that works incredibly well.

There are still the action beats, superbly executed by Mangold (and coming with lashings of glory violence and bloodshed), but this isn't a film about a hero saving the world, this is a film about what happens to the heroes who save the world when they're coming to the end of their time.

With Logan's healing ability and seemingly infinite lifespan, finding a way to see him at his weakest and most vulnerable isn't easy, but here we see a man beaten and battered by the ravages of time as much as the fists of a super-villain, the impact of his long life, and those he's lost in the process, weighing heavily upon him.

It's the deepest Jackman has ever gone in the role and

unsurprisingly it's his best performance to date, the depth given to the character giving Jackman the opportunity to flex his acting muscles as well as his physical ones.

The wizened, weakened Logan may not be quick with the dry quip, but it's as in-depth a look as we've ever had into his psyche and it makes for a hugely engaging performance in a film not short of them.

Patrick Stewart hits similar beats in the role of Professor X; his great mind now a ticking time bomb, he has to be given sedatives to ensure the safety of

seemingly the human race, and much like Jackman, Stewart has rarely been afforded the opportunity to delve into the character as he has here, and the interplay between him and Jackman (and Stephen Merchant's wonderful turn) is enjoyable to watch.

Dafne Keen's mysterious Laura is another superb turn, largely a physical one, but one that dovetails nicely with Jackman, and as the pair strike up a dysfunctional father-daughter relationship, the film slowly starts pulling at the heartstrings in a way many films of this genre are never able to do.

There are the occasional

moments where things revert a little too much to genre type rather than forging their way through in the style of the film; Richard E Grant's maniacal scientist doesn't quite work while the film's big bad is disappointing and doesn't sit well within the style of the film.

These issues aside, this is still an exemplary example of how a 'superhero' film can work when it goes outside the box. Of course it helps that we have had a 17-year relationship with these characters, that the stakes are high and we're fully engaged in their plight, but this is a film that is true to the character, where he has been, and what he has become.

If this truly is Jackman's final hurrah in the title role, and he can hold at bay the multitudes clamouring for him to keep going, then it is a fitting tribute; *Logan* is an uncompromising, deftly-told story that is an emotionally engaging, and powerful watch.

**VERDICT** – Hugh Jackman's final film as the character of Logan is also the best of his solo outings – and one of the best films of the superhero genre.

A powerful story told on its own terms, its refusal (in the main) to follow the cookie-cutter genre template means that it's something that stands out for all the right reasons. Hitting the emotional notes, *Logan* is a fitting finale to an incredible character. Essential viewing.

**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED:**  
*The Dark Knight* (2008), *3.10 To Yuma* (2007).



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## Sigma 3 launches two spectacular ranges

**Modern Masterpieces**  
**LOCAL** Welsh kitchen manufacturer **Sigma 3** has launched two new spectacular ranges to their already impressive collection. We've caught up with Sigma 3 managing director Gerald Jones to discuss new trends in the kitchen and the vision behind the new ranges.

"At Sigma 3, we are always striving to be at the forefront of style and innovation. We passionately believe that the kitchen is the heart of the home and where the internal décor starts, so we want to create designs that will inspire and cater for individual tastes."

"The latest trend in the home is mixing and matching textures, which is why this year we introduced Deco and Madoc. Our new ranges give customers the ability to replicate natural finishes such as concrete, driftwood and timber to their dream kitchen."

"We want to give our customers high end quality and style without the high end price tag, and I believe these ranges give you just that."

"Over the years we have seen our customers opting for the minimalist look in the kitchen. We've developed these ranges to give our customers freedom to choose industrial textures that will compliment any home while still maintaining that homely feel."

endless, but what is constant is the potential for individual design and the creation of spectacular spaces that cater for today's modern living environments."

**Madoc Border Oak with Sutton Dust Grey (pictured below):**

Madoc in Border Oak works perfectly with the grey tones of our Sutton range. The silky smooth finish of Madoc and the textured finish of Madoc create a room filled with sophistication and style.

**Deco Tundra Stone with Lumina White:**

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**Madoc Chalkwood and Manhattan:**  
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## THOSE EXTRA SPECIAL GARDENING GIFTS FOR MUM ON MOTHER'S DAY

by HANNAH STEPHENSON

**Whether you have a hands-on practical mum who loves new gardening tools or a more leisurely mother who prefers flowers and floral scents, there's something for every gardener on Mother's Day.**

### FLOWER GIRL

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including gloves, tool boxes, herb trays and kneelers. (£27.99, [www.briersltd.co.uk](http://www.briersltd.co.uk))

### FANCY FOOTWEAR

Add some flower power to your gardening footwear with a pair of classic back door shoes featuring a new sunflower design. These lightweight, comfortable waterproof slip-ons are ideal if you're pottering in the garden or need to go outside, but don't want to dig out your regular shoes. Women's are available size 3-8 in a range of patterns. (£25, [www.backdoorshoes.co.uk](http://www.backdoorshoes.co.uk))

### SOFT LIGHTS

If mum is the type who likes pretty lighting in her garden, these warm LED bulbs have delicate sprigs of pretty pink flowers inside them. Ideal for hanging in trees or around a sun umbrella on the patio during summer evenings, they are battery-operated and waterproof, so can be used inside or out. (£30, [www.notonthehighstreet.com](http://www.notonthehighstreet.com))

### BROLLY GOOD FUN

Your mum won't let spring showers get her down if she has this lovely compact umbrella featuring the elegant new flora and fauna design from Burgon & Ball, inspired by the RHS Lindley Library of historic botanic art. (£16.99, [www.burgonandball.com](http://www.burgonandball.com))

### FILL YOUR BOOTS

To make her life easier - and tidier - consider this innovative new compact boot store designed for housing muddy wellies, umbrellas, dog leads and small tools, hung on robust pegs which come with it. Made from smooth-planed timber boards, it's finished with a galvanised steel roof plate and a boot cut-out detail which helps provide air flow to prevent the inside from becoming damp. (£189.99, available from DIY stores and garden centres. For stockists, visit [www.forestgarden.co.uk](http://www.forestgarden.co.uk))

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### WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

Put out slug deterrents, such as tubs with milk or beer - and mulch around vulnerable plants such as hostas with broken eggshells or gravel.

Sow zinnias in a sheltered frame.

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# It's all about MUM & THE CHILDREN

## WHERE A FAIRY DOOR LEADS TO ADVENTURE AND FUN!

**C**ARDIFF-based publisher Firefly Press and Penarth-based business Fairydoorz are launching new children's book, *Sophie Finds a Fairy Door*, by Barry-based author and primary school teacher, Laura Sheldon.

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Children and families can also follow a fun fairy door finding trail through Penarth town shops in the lead-up to



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**T**HE award-winning Little Inspirations Day Nursery aims to be a big inspiration for young children in Barry.

The company's founder, Jenine Gill, a qualified NNEB, has been working in childcare for over 20 years, and is committed to providing quality child care that caters for all families and their various needs. Through imaginative and creative play, the fully qualified and experienced team provides children with every opportunity to enhance learning, development and understanding of the world around them.

The manager, Kayleigh Thomas, has over 10 years' experience and joined the management team in September 2008. She has since gained an NVQ level 3 in management skills and has intensive training in child protection, First Aid and food safety. With a natural love of working with children, Kayleigh prides herself on moving the nursery forward.

Lucinda Finney, the deputy manager, has over 20 years' experience of working with children in a variety of pre-school settings.

She is qualified to level 4 in both childcare and management and strives to support the nursery through local initiatives and schemes. Lucinda ensures each child reaches their full potential through fun activities and play.

Little Inspirations has an open-plan playroom and large secure garden with areas for composting, role-play, planting and digging to enhance learning through play.

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## Barry mum Jo is handed award as top franchisee'



ABOVE: Karen Sherr, founder of Musical Minis, and Jo Weaving Musical Minis South Wales franchisee.

**C**HILDREN'S music and development franchise, Musical Minis, has announced that Jo Weaving, owner of Musical Minis South Wales, has been awarded the title 'Outstanding Franchisee of the Year'.

At their recent annual conference, founder Karen Sherr and husband Rob said that Jo, a mum from Barry, with two boys – Jack (13) and Harrison (8), had been selected for her consistent support over many years.

Jo, who bought the business 13 years ago, when her eldest son was a baby, was praised for her organisational skills, tenacity and support.

She said: "I was delighted and honoured to receive the award."

"I love running Musical Minis classes in south Wales and it's so rewarding watching the children learn new skills and grow in confidence as they attend our classes."

She runs classes in Barry, Barry Island, Bridgend, Cardiff Bay and Pontyclun. Visit the website [www.musicalminis.co.uk](http://www.musicalminis.co.uk) or call 01446 733788.

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- Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.
- Mechanical pain during breastfeeding, and many other mechanical issues.

Rob says: "We are currently running an offer with The GEM until the end of March – a New Patient Consultation (up to 90 minutes) half price, at £15.

"Why not give it a go and see if it helps you?"

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We care for all children from the age of two years and four months, offering wrap-around care to those who attend Gwenfo Nursery.

At this time, we operate on Monday and Wednesday, from 9am until 3.15pm and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am until 12.45pm.

We operate the group as to the needs of the community, and may extend the times we offer in the near future. We have two halls and a safe enclosed rear garden area.

For more information, visit our website [wenvoeplaygroup.co.uk](http://wenvoeplaygroup.co.uk) email: [wenvoeplaygroup@btinternet.com](mailto:wenvoeplaygroup@btinternet.com) or telephone 02920597494 during the above operational hours.

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## Bridgend's first scuba diving store

**THEY say that nowhere in the UK is more than 73 miles from the sea. That means you're never more than an hour and a half's drive from the chance to scuba dive...**

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Some GEM readers may already know the Welsh Diving brand: the PADI-accredited company has been teaching people to scuba dive in Newport and Cardiff for years, with more recent classes also opening in Bridgend.

"Scuba diving is so popular across south Wales," said Martin Donovan, lead dive instructor and MD of Welsh Diving.

"It just makes sense for us to open this shop and cater for those who want to either get into the hobby or take their diving to the next level.

"For Welsh Diving, it's really just a continuation of our customers' journey with us. Unlike some dive schools that are only concerned with getting peoples' qualifications

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The Dive Shop will stock all the equipment needed for the scuba enthusiast, from wetsuits and air tanks to fashion items and underwater cameras.

The new shop opens in early March at The Dive Shop, Shop 16, Pen

Y Bont Road, Pencoed, CF35 5RA.

"Anyone who dives will tell you – it's the greatest sport in the world," added Martin.

"It's a superb way to keep fit and see the world from a new angle, so hopefully this store will encourage more people to get into diving. We'll be offering sign-ups to classes from inside the shop, too."

Visit [www.welshdiving.co.uk](http://www.welshdiving.co.uk) for more information.

## Care home residents show off artwork at Penarth Pavilion



*The Deputy Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Councillor Edward Williams with Regency House Care Home resident Margaret Matthews, 73.*

**ELDERLY residents at five south Wales care homes have displayed their best artwork at an exhibition held in the Penarth Pier Pavilion.**

It depicts memories of the artists working and growing up in Wales, and includes 40 exhibits from people who live at Hallmark Care Homes; Ty Enfyf, Regency House, Shire Hall, Greenhill Manor and Cartref Annwyl Fan.

Over 80 guests attended the launch, including representatives from charity, Age Cymru and the Deputy Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Edward Williams who officially opened the exhibition.

Throughout the afternoon, guests questioned residents about their artwork and enjoyed afternoon tea, and music from Welsh opera singer Holly Clark.

Resident Beryl Lee, 77, who lives at Ty Enfyf Care Home in Pentwyn said: "It feels lovely to display my work. Three pieces are on display and I have contributed to several others.

"My favourite piece is of a fountain I drew, where I would play in my hometown, Merthyr Tydfil, as a girl with my friends. It brings back happy memories, and still stands today as a monumental treasure."

The organiser of the event, and group lifestyle manager for Hallmark Care Homes, Debbie Sharples-Kirkbride said: "We had a fantastic afternoon at our exhibition launch day.

"The residents, our lifestyle's team, our artist in residence Charlotte Jones as well visiting artists from Age Cymru, whom we have been working in partnership with, have worked really hard to put together this exhibition, so that it can be enjoyed by members of the community.

"The purpose is to bring residents' artwork to a wider audience so that they can take pride in their work. It also serves as a platform to engage those living with dementia and complex physical conditions in the local community, encouraging others to see past their conditions.

"I am delighted that the Pier Pavilion have agreed to maintain the exhibition for a number of weeks after our launch."

The exhibition is open to the public until Wednesday, March 22. Regency House, Shire Hall, Ty Enfyf, Greenhill Manor and Cartref Annwyl Fan are the homes featured.

For further information please visit [www.hallmarkcarehomes.co.uk](http://www.hallmarkcarehomes.co.uk)



*Resident Beryl Lee, 77, stands in front of her work with Lifestyle Leader Lily Chapman*



*Greenhill Manor Care Home, resident Primrose Spurrell, 87 sits proudly next to her work.*

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**Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg a Menter Bro Morgannwg wedi llofnodi cytundeb fframwaith newydd i ddatblygu gwasanaethau newydd i gryfhau'r iaith Gymraeg yng nghymunedau'r Fro.**

Sefydlwyd Menter Bro Morgannwg ym mis Ebrill 2013 gyda'r nod o hybu ac ehangu defnydd cymdeithasol o'r iaith Gymraeg ym Mro Morgannwg. Ers hynny, maent wedi bod yn gweithio'n agos gyda'r Cyngor i gynnig nifer o weithgareddau a digwyddiadau i greu mwy o gyfleoedd i breswylwyr y Fro ddefnyddio'r iaith

y tu allan i'r gwaith a'r ysgol. Ymhlith y rhain mae gŵyl Gymreig a gynhelir yn Ynys y Barri, Gŵyl Fach y Fro, gwersi nofio i fabis a gweithgareddau hamdden eraill i bobl o bob oed.

Ers sefydlu Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg yn 2000, mae cynnydd sylweddol yn y nifer o rieni sy'n dewis addysg cyfrwng Gymraeg ar gyfer eu plant. Yn ei dro, bydd hyn yn cynyddu nifer y siaradwyr Gymraeg ym Mro Morgannwg. Bwriad Menter Bro Morgannwg yw annog y plant hynny sydd mewn addysg cyfrwng Gymraeg, a'u rhieni, i ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg y tu allan i'r dosbarth mewn sefyllfaoedd

cymdeithasol.

Mae'r cytundeb fframwaith hwn yn gydnabyddiaeth ffurfiol o'r gwaith partneriaeth sydd eisoes wedi digwydd rhwng Menter Bro Morgannwg a'r Cyngor i gynnig y gweithgareddau hyn ac ymrwymo i barhau i gydweithio i gynnig y cyfleoedd hyn yn y dyfodol. Yn ogystal, mae'n amlgu ymrwymiad y Cyngor i weithio gyda Llywodraeth Cymru i gyflawni nod eu strategaith: iaith fyw, iaith byw.

Dyweddodd Siân Lewis, Prif Weithredwr Menter Bro Morgannwg, 'Rydym yn falch iawn bod y Cyngor yn rhan o'r cytundeb hwn, sy'n gwarantu y byddwn yn gallu parhau i adeiladu ar y gwaith da sydd

eisoes wedi'i wneud yma yn y Fro. Rydym newydd gynnal Gŵyl Fach y Fro am yr ail dro, a oedd yn llwyddiant ysgubol, ac rydym yn gobeithio parhau i weithio'n agos gyda'r Cyngor i gynnal digwyddiadau fel hyn ac i gyflawni ein nod fel sefydliad.'

Dyweddodd Rob Thomas, Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, 'Bydd y cytundeb hwn yn cryfhau'r bartne-

riaeth rhwng y Cyngor a Menter Bro Morgannwg. Fel sefydliad cyhoeddus yng Nghymru, mae'r Cyngor yn cydnabod yn llawn ei rôl o ran datblygu defnydd o'r iaith a'i gyfrifoldeb i gynnig amryw weithgareddau cymunedol cyfrwng Gymraeg i breswylwyr. Edrychaf ymlaen i adeiladu ar y bartneriaeth hon a mynd i'r afael â'n nod fel Cyngor i adeiladu cymunedau cryf gyda dyfodol disglaif.'

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Mae cynnig amrywiaeth o weithgareddau i deuluoedd yn rhan bwysig o wasanaeth Menter Bro Morgannwg ac yn un o dargedau Strategaeth Iaith Gymraeg Llywodraeth Cymru. Bydd cyrsiau wythnosol newydd yn rhan o raglen tymor yr haf, ac mae'r ddarpariaeth bresennol yn cynnwys:

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lau 10.30am) a Llyfrgell y Bontfaen (dydd lau 2pm). Bydd sesiwn newydd sbon yn dechrau yn Llyfrgell Dinas Powys ar ddydd lau Mawrth 10.30am. Croeso i bawb!

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Byddwn yn lansio'r ŵyl a'r line-up llawn ym mis Ebrill - gwylwch allan am y cyhoed-

diad hynny! Ydyd chi'n wneuthurwr lleol, ac â diddordeb i gynnal stondin grefftiau neu gynnyrch Cymreig yn yr ŵyl eleni? Rydym yn derbyn ceisiadau ar hyn o bryd felly cysylltwch gyda ni am fwy o wybodaeth. #gwylfachyfro

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# AGREEMENT SIGNED TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL USE OF WELSH IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

**The Vale of Glamorgan Council and Menter Bro Morgannwg have signed a new framework agreement to develop new services to strengthen the Welsh language within communities in the Vale.**

Menter Bro Morgannwg was established in April 2013 with the aim of promoting and expanding the social use of the Welsh Language in the Vale of Glamorgan. Since then, they have been working closely with the Council to deliver a number of activities and events to create more opportunities for Vale residents to use the language outside of work

and school. These include a Welsh language festival held on Barry Island, Gŵyl Fach y Fro, baby swimming lessons and other recreational activities for all ages.

Since the establishment of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in 2000 there has been a significant increase in the number of parents choosing Welsh medium education for their children. This, in turn, will result in an increase in the number of Welsh speakers in the Vale of Glamorgan. Menter Bro Morgannwg's aim is to encourage those in Welsh medium education, and their parents, to use Welsh outside of the classroom in social situations.

This framework agree-

ment is a formal recognition of the partnership work that has already taken place between Menter Bro Morgannwg and the Council to provide these activities and a commitment to continue to working together to deliver these opportunities in the future. It also highlights the Council's commitment to work with the Welsh Government to achieve the aims of their strategy. A living language, a language for living.

Sian Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of Menter Bro Morgannwg said,

'We are pleased that the Council has entered in to this agreement, which guarantees that we will be able to continue to build on the good

work that has already been carried out here in the Vale. We have just had our second Gŵyl Fach y Fro festival, which was a huge success, and we hope to keep working closely with the Council to provide events like this and fulfil our aim as an organisation.'

Rob Thomas, Managing Director of the Vale of Glamorgan Council said,

'This agreement will strengthen the partner-

ship between the Council and Menter Bro Morgannwg. As a public organisation in Wales the Council fully understands its role in developing use of the language and its responsibility to provide residents with a variety of community activities through the medium of Welsh. I look forward to building on this partnership and progressing our aim as a Council to build strong communities with a bright future.'

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Providing a variety of activities for families is an important part of Menter Bro Morgannwg's service and one of the main targets set out in Welsh Government's Welsh Language Strategy. All of these activities are held through the medium of Welsh in terms of communication with the children, but is suitable for non-Welsh speaking parents/guardians. A new programme of weekly courses will start in the summer term, and current activities includes:

**Amser Stori / Storytime**

We run free weekly Welsh-medium storytime sessions during the school term - in Barry

Library (Tuesday 10.30am), Llantwit Major Library (Thursday 10.30am) and Cowbridge Library (Thursday 2pm). There will be a brand new session starting in Dinas Powys Library on Thursday March 16th at 10am. A warm welcome to all!

**Welly Walk**

Menter Bro Morgannwg will also organise monthly nature trails with Jén Dafis between now and the summer. The first of these were held at Cosmeston during February half term, and we had a morning full of fun despite the weather!

The next session will be held on Saturday March 25th at Llantwit Major, and we will meet at 10am in the beach car park. Come along to learn more about nature in this interactive and fun walk, and don't forget your wellies! This is an activity for the whole family but is aimed specifically at children aged 0-5 years. The price is £3.50 per child and you can book ahead on Menter's website or by contacting ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru / 029 20689888.

## HOLIDAY CARESCHEME

**We had yet another busy February half term at the Carescheme, with activities including a Ceramics Workshop, Making Pancakes, Urdd Sport Workshop, Little Adventures Outdoor Activities, Six Nations Party and a Trip to the Cinema.**

The Holiday Carescheme is held at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg during every school holiday excluding Christmas, and is available to every child receiving Welsh medium primary education in the Vale. The price is £20 per child/per day, with Friday half price if your child attends any other day during the same week.

This is the only Welsh-medium full day care provision in the Vale of Glamorgan (8.30am-5.30pm) and provides an important service which allows parents to continue to work during school holiday periods and for the children to continue to speak Welsh outside the school term.



## FAMILY WEEKEND TO LLANGRANNOG

**There are a few spaces left on our Family Weekend to Llangrannog, which is held on the first weekend of the Easter holidays, 7-9th of April 2017.**

Prices: Adults £135, Children aged 8+ £112, Children aged 4-7 £82, Children aged 2-3 £55, Children under 2 years old £15. The price includes en-

suite accommodation, breakfast, lunch, tea and supper, all of the centre's activities, a guided walk to the beach, twmpath with live band, Easter egg hunt and a Welsh lesson for adults. You will need to pay a £50 deposit to confirm your place, and the remaining fee will need to be paid in full before the weekend itself. Please contact us if you'd like to book!

## WELSH LEARNERS

**Providing a range of social opportunities is crucial in order to support the formal learning process, and**

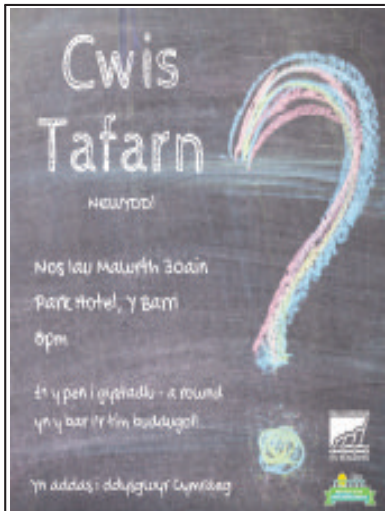
**Menter Bro Morgannwg has received funding within the new Framework to develop a programme of extra-curricular activities which will give learners opportunities to practise and use their Welsh outside the classroom environment. These activities are all suitable for Welsh learners of all levels.**

**Coffee Morning**

We run a monthly Coffee Morning at Foxy's Deli, Penarth, on the first Thursday of every month. Join us between 10-11am to chat and practise your Cymraeg over a cuppa! Upcoming dates: April 6th, May 4th.

**Dysgu a Diod**

We have also recently established a new evening conversational session, which meets on the first Monday of every month, 7-8pm at the Old White Hart, Llantwit Major. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Welsh learners and chat informally. Upcoming dates: April 3rd, May 8th (because of the Bank Holiday).



## GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2017



To celebrate Welsh Language Music Day on February 10th, we announced that this year's Gŵyl Fach y Fro will be held on Saturday June 17th. It will once again be located at Barry Island's Eastern Promenade, with an afternoon full of musical entertainment, food and drink, craft stalls, street performances and activities for all

ages.

The full line-up will be announced in April - so keep an eye out for that announcement!

Are you a local craftworker or producer, and interested to run a stall at this year's festival? We are taking applications at the moment so please contact us for more information.

#gwylfachyfro

## SPORTS CLUBS

There are many weekly sports clubs held across the Vale, in partnership between Menter Bro Morgannwg, the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Urdd Sport Department.

We are looking forward to yet another busy term of clubs after Easter which will include Swimming, Gymnastics, Athletics, Netball and Multi-sports Clubs. For more information about these activities, and to book a place for your child, please contact Liam Higgins: liamhiggins@urdd.org / 07976 003344.

## JOB VACANCY

**We are currently looking to recruit 3 individuals to lead our Holiday Careschemes in both Cardiff and the Vale.**

The successful applicants will have a Level 3 qualification in Childcare/Play, and the ability to converse in both Welsh and English is essential. For more information please contact leanne@mentercaerdydd.cymru / 029 20689888.





Composer Steph Power (centre), Mike Edwards and Val Warlow (Valeways) and Cathy Morris and Jennifer Hill (Vale Music Festival).

## Walking with music

**PLANS are well under way for both the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival and the Vale Music Festival, to be held in May.**

In previous years, a walk combined with a concert, has proved to be very popular, allowing people the opportunity to combine their love of music and walking in a unique way. This year's programme has an added interest as composer and critic Steph Power was commissioned to write a piece of music inspired by the Welsh landscape.

This composition, entitled 'Andante', written for flute, oboe and piano and performed by the Marsyas Trio will be premiered at Ewenny Priory on Thursday, May 25 at 7.30pm.

The performance will be preceded by a walk entitled 'Mediaeval Splendour' at 3.30pm as part of the Walking Festival.

Valeways' Coffee Shop Strollers were delighted when Steph Power joined them on one of their regular walks around Cold Knap recently in order to gain inspiration for her composition. She returned last week and met the Strollers in the Romilly Two Café, where she gave a preview of her new composition.

Coffee Shop Strollers' Leader Mike Edwards said: "All who were present were privileged to hear part of this piece. Steph explained how she had interwoven the joy of walking with the despair experienced by many refugees, who having lost everything, continue to walk in search of a better life. We look forward to hearing the complete piece."

Full details of all walks can be found on the Walking Festival website:

[www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk](http://www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk). Details of this year's Music Festival can be found on [www.valeofglamorganfestival.org.uk](http://www.valeofglamorganfestival.org.uk).

## Wake-up call for MP at Vale tortoise sanctuary!



Alun Cairns MP with Ann Ovenstone, Celia Claypole and one of their young guests.

**THE International Tortoise Sanctuary at Sully in the Vale has told the local MP about its efforts to protect and house tortoises from across the UK.**

Alun Cairns' visit coincided with the 'big tortoise wake-up' – the few days at the end of February when tortoise owners collect their animals from hibernation in specially-cooled sheds at the sanctuary.

In addition to providing hibernation facilities, the International Tortoise Association re-homes tortoises illegally brought into the UK, and also cares for tortoises that are sick and injured.

The MP was "shocked" to discover that there are more than 800 tortoises at the charity's site, of all breeds and sizes.

The sanctuary is run by Ann Ovenstone and Celia Claypole, who provide round the clock care, and shared misconceptions about tortoises.

Mr Cairns said: "It was a great pleasure to meet Ann, Celia and the tortoises! I was in awe of the complex systems they have for caring for so many tortoises of different species."

"Ann and Celia are volunteers who do so much for these animals. Importantly, they are teaching others who love tortoises about caring for them properly."

# Fire and Rescue authorities are set to receive £1.8m boost



**FIRE and rescue authorities are to receive £1.8m over the next two years – to help them meet new statutory duties to respond to flooding and water-related emergencies which present a risk of death, serious injury or serious illness – Communities and Children Secretary, Carl Sargeant AM has announced.**

He made the announcement during a visit to the Cardiff International White Water Centre, where South Wales Fire and Rescue Service personnel were water rescue training and gave a demonstration of rescues from vehicles in water, inflatable sled rescues and swift water boat rescues.

While fire and rescue authorities already respond to flooding and inland water rescue incidents using their

existing general powers and resources, they are not required to do so.

The Cabinet Secretary has signed an Order which will create a statutory duty on the three fire and rescue authorities in Wales to respond to these incidents.

To support the introduction of the new duty, funding has been made available to replace ageing flooding and water rescue equipment, and to purchase a second high volume pump in north Wales.

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service's chief fire officer, Huw Jakeway said: "For us, keeping our communities and firefighters safe in and around the water has always been a priority."

"The new funding for equipment, over the next two financial years, will enable us to continue to serve our communities to the highest standard."

**ABOVE; Communities and Children Secretary Carl Sargeant with the SWFRS water rescue teams**

## Wales Air Ambulance's fourth aircraft to run seven days a week...

**AS Wales Air Ambulance marks its 16th anniversary, the charity's latest aircraft will be extending its service to operate seven days a week – helping children like Elain James, who needed two emergency transfers at just 12 weeks old.**



Elain James who was airlifted twice by the Wales Air Ambulance

She was just 12 weeks old when she first needed to be airlifted by the charity's specialist children's division, The Children's Wales Air Ambulance.

Elain's mum Bridget James, 33, said: "Elain, who's now seven, was born with a rare heart condition called pulmonary atresia, which affects the flow of blood through her heart valves."

"In the first few weeks of her life, she needed to be taken to specialist hospital units in Cardiff and Bristol. At three months old, Elain suddenly collapsed at home in Aberystwyth and we needed to get her

to the specialist unit in Cardiff, as they were the closest hospital equipped to deal with her condition.

"It would have taken more than three hours to get her there by road, which just wasn't an option in my mind; she wouldn't have made the journey."

"Instead, the Wales Air Ambulance got her there in just 30 minutes and Elain was seen by her specialists straight away, saving her life."

The EC135 T2e aircraft, based in Cardiff, is dedicated to completing inter-hospital transfers. Extending this helicopter's operating hours from five days per week will mean that all four of the charity's aircraft will now run seven days a week.

All aspects of the seven-day transfer service – from the crew to the kit on board – will be entirely funded by the Wales Air Ambulance, with no Government or lottery funding. The extra operating hours will mean that the charity can help save more lives across Wales.

Angela Hughes, chief executive of Wales Air Ambulance, said they had been keen to move to a seven day operation for some time.

"In June last year, we launched our fourth aircraft and Cardiff base, making us the biggest air ambulance operation in the UK."

To find out more about the Children's Wales Air Ambulance and its latest news, visit [www.childrenswalesairaambulance.com](http://www.childrenswalesairaambulance.com)

## Dr Margaret's tips for local mums-to-be on staying healthy

**ABMU consultant Margery Morgan hoped World Birth Defects Day, which took place on March 3, will help remind local mothers and mums-to-be how important it is to stay healthy.**

Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Morgan is lead clinician for the Congenital Anomaly Register and Information Service for Wales (CARIS).

The service, which collects data about congenital anomalies and birth defects, has been highlighting problems that some infections can cause in pregnancy and what can be done to prevent unnecessary risks.

She said: "Infections can cause serious illness, developmental problems and lifelong disability, such as hearing loss for the baby."

To avoid infection, it was recommended that women wash their hands before and after

preparing food. They should avoid soft or unpasteurised cheeses, pate and some fish – if unsure, check with their midwife;

### OTHER ADVICE

Current advice is not to travel while pregnant to parts of the world that have the Zika virus;

Care is needed with pets – pregnant women should not change dirty cat litter and wash their hands after contact with any pet or farm animals;

Avoid contact with anyone who has an infection;

Wash hands: before and after food preparation; when handling raw meat, eggs or unwashed vegetables; after gardening or touching dirt or soil; after touching pets and other animals; after playing with children, wiping runny noses and changing nappies.

For more information about events or CARIS and its work, go to [www.caris.wales.nhs.uk](http://www.caris.wales.nhs.uk) or contact [david.tucker2@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:david.tucker2@wales.nhs.uk) phone 01792 285241.

## Focus is on STEM skills

**VALE AM Jane Hutt is using her annual spring breakfast to focus on the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) roles in education and employment in Wales, when Welsh Government Skills and Science Minister Julie James is guest speaker.**

Ms Hutt said: "The importance of STEM skills to the future prosperity of Wales is well established and yet there continues to be a

decline in the take up of many STEM subjects at school.

"The arrival of iconic British car make Aston Martin in the Vale is great news for jobs, but we must also ensure it is great news for the aspirations of our pupils. We should be gearing up our students – both girls and boys – to work at companies like Aston Martin."

The Engineering Change Spring Breakfast is being held at Cardiff and Vale College International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT), Cardiff Airport Business Park, CF62 3DP on Thursday, March 9 at 8am to 9.30am.

## Walk with Weatherman on Mother's Day for Velindre

**BBC weather presenter Derek Brockway has signed up to trek to the lost Inca city of Machu Picchu in September – to raise funds for the Velindre Cancer Centre.**

He will be leading a special walk on Sunday, March 26 as he tackles the highest mountain in south Wales, Pen y Fan, which will coincide with Mother's Day.

The Vale-based weatherman explained: "My walk will be the continuation of my fitness regime, as I build up to trekking Peru in September, and I hope lots of people will use the opportunity to celebrate mothers everywhere by signing up and joining me on this Pen y Fan challenge."

"The trek is going to be a challenge and I will need to get fitter over the next six months – but, more importantly, I hope to raise loads of money for Velindre so it can continue to help people in the future, and with more research to (hopefully) find a cure for cancer."

"It's a wonderful charity and helps so many people, including a few of my

friends, family and work colleagues, providing vital treatment, care and support. The number of people suffering from cancer is on the increase; none of us know what's around the corner and I want to do my bit to help."

Head of fundraising at Velindre, Andrew Morris, said: "Having previously organised some very successful treks to Kilimanjaro and Patagonia, we wanted to put together a really special trip, and trekking a remote Inca trail to Machu Picchu certainly fits that bill."

"We have a few places left for the trip, it's a wonderful trek and a great way to raise funds to help Velindre continue to provide help and support for cancer patients in Wales."

Entry for the Mother's Day event is £5, and each participant will be required to raise a minimum of £50. To join Derek and Walk with the Weatherman, visit: [www.velindrefundraising.com/bookonline](http://www.velindrefundraising.com/bookonline). Details of the Peru trek are at [www.velindrefundraising.com](http://www.velindrefundraising.com).



# Blaengarw panto brings fun and laughter to the Workmen's Hall – and help to Chernobyl

BLAENGARW panto group performed their 17th annual panto, *Rapunzel*, at the Blaengarw Workmens Hall at the end of February this year.

The colourful characters and funny script had the audience entertained throughout the performance.

The panto raised over £4,000 for local charities, and the also the Chernobyl children's lifeline charity.

In June 8, children from an orphanage in Belarus will stay for the whole month with host families in Blaengarw thanks to the support from all those who came to see the pantomime.

The Blaengaew community have been long-time supporters of Chernobyl charities.

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## Brynhill lady golfers get into the spirit of St David's Day!

ST David's Day celebrations at Brynhill Golf Club started with a 10 hole competition on Tuesday morning.

Several ladies braved the cold weather before the rain hail and sleet started! However, a few did get wet. The winner was Mrs Julie Harkin who scored 19 points.

An evening celebration of everything Welsh started with 15-year-old Caitlin Taylor.

Caitlin, whose mother Lisa plays at Brynhill, attends Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and has a beautiful singing voice.

Accompanied by her father Brian (on guitar), they entertained a very appreciative audience.

Our in-house caterer provided a



tasty cawl, followed by cheese and biscuits. Olwyn Thomas (ladies captain) gave a special thanks to Sue Holland, Robbie Lee and Audrey Phillips for their delicious home made Welsh cakes.

A 'Welsh Faces' quiz was particularly hard for some, however, the winning team didn't think so. LT

LLANCARFAN'S Williams has had plenty to smile about of late.

His seven-year-old *Gayebury* ran out a 13 lengths winner at Chepstow in the Pertemps Network Group Handicap Hurdle and could now be bound for the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival meeting.

Last week, Williams sent his *Silver Streak* on a 418-mile trip to Musselburgh and the promising four-year-old, partnered by T J O'Brien, landed the handicap hurdle in fine style after being made the 7-2 joint-favourite.

On the same day at Ffos Las, Evan's *Swift Crusador* took the opening novices' hurdle race, and around an hour or so later, *Get In Pat*, trained by Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan, won the handicap hurdle under Alan Johns.

While at Sedgefield, Evan's aply-

named *On The Road*, ridden by Adam Wedge, was an odds-on winner in a three-horse race.

**ANOTHER EVAN IN THE NEWS**

'HAVE saddle will travel' is Llanharan's Evan David's motto.

He won on *Scorpius Star* in north Norfolk and

on *Tailsnip* at Garthorpe. The latter won the restricted race at the Cottesmore meeting, finishing three and a quarter lengths ahead of Lord Golan.

At the east Cornwall meeting at Great Trethew, another Vale rider Byron Moorcroft, was successful on Kevin Saker's *Spencer Moon* in division one of the open maiden.

*Spencer Moon*, a nine-year-old by *Dr Massini*, scored by eight lengths and was returned the 3-1 joint favourite.

## Cowbridge under 11s triumph in London

**COWBRIDGE** U11s travelled to London Welsh where the Exiles hosted the St David's Day Festival.

Playing under RFU rules, surrounded by Kew Gardens, Cowbridge failed to disappoint; 22 squad players made the trip split into two 11-man teams to play four games each.

First up were the Bears against their fierce rivals, Ealing. A strong performance from the start had Cowbridge running well, probing the Ealing defence continuously.

The pressure was rewarded with a 2-0 win to the Bears, try scorers, Iwan Phillips and George Tuckley.

Next up to face the Bears were London Welsh B, the strength of Cowbridge told, racing ahead and easing home with a 5-1 win, try scorers, Jake Davies (2), Henry Whitehouse, James Collingridge and Harry New.

The third match-up was against a big Bank of England team; however, the pace, power and well-disciplined display from Cowbridge soon told and a 6-0 victory was secured, try scorers, James Collingridge, George Tuckley (2) and a hat-trick for Owen Francis.

The final match up of the day for the Bears was their toughest test, a strong London Welsh A team presented a resilient defence which lasted most of the game, however yet again the well-drilled Bears remained patient and George Tuckley capitalised with a powerful run from the pack securing an unbeaten festival performance.

The Cowbridge Tigers had an equally impressive performance. First up was Ealing B who provided little resistance. Cowbridge steamed ahead to an early lead finishing 6-1 victors; try scorers, Ollie Stancombe (2), Henry Davies, Ben Stephenson, Sam Sheppard and Joseph Funtek.

Teddington were next to face the try scoring onslaught, finishing 8-0 to the Tigers, try scorers, Ollie Stancombe (2), Sam Sheppard, Henry Davies, William Martin, Corey Williams and Paddy Whitestone (2).

The third game for the Tigers against Bank of England continued in similar vein with another 8-0 victory, try scorers, Sam Sheppard (2), Ollie Stancombe, Paddy Whitestone, James Lord (2), Joseph Funtek and Ben Stephenson.

The final game for the Tigers was against the hosts, London Welsh C, the Tigers finished with a 7-0 comfortable win, try scorers, Sam Sheppard and Ollie Stancombe with a hat-trick each and Sam Jackson powering through from the pack.

A scintillating display of rugby by both teams, 8 out of 8 games won, over 30 tries scored and only two conceded. Thank you to players, parents and supporters for making the journey. KN

## CAVC student Tegan set to swim for Wales

**TEGAN FRIZELLE**, an A-level student at Cardiff and Vale College, is set to represent Wales in an international swimming tournament in France.

The 16-year-old from Cardiff will head to Marseille to compete in the FFN Golden Tour 2017, a series of swimming meets held in France. The Marseille leg is also part of the calendar of the European Swimming League.

"I got a good qualifying time in the nationals so I was picked to represent Wales in France," Tegan said.

"In the summer, I'm hoping to qualify for the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas, the British Nationals take place after that. There are lots of different competitions to go through to qualify for the Commonwealth Games."

Tegan's main event is the 200m individual medley – a race in which swimmers compete in all four strokes,



**Tegan Frizelle, who will represent Wales at the competition in Marseille.**

breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and crawl, in the same event.

"I'm really excited to be going over to France," Tegan said. "The World Record holder for the 200m IM is going to be there, and that's my main event."

Tegan has been swimming for Cardiff since the age of ten and recently went to Plymouth College, a boarding school with a Performance Swimming Academy. She decided to sit her A-levels at Cardiff and Vale College as she wanted to be closer to home before going to university.

## Dinas Ladies win Cup quarter final

**IN THE SWWGL Women's Alun Evans League Cup quarter finals** Caldicot Ladies crashed out to Dinas Powys Ladies 1 - 3.

In terrible conditions with the wind blowing strongly and the rain coming down this wasn't a game for the faint hearted.

Caldicot currently sit top of the premiership and look odds on favourites to claim the title so this was a game that the villagers knew they would have to be at their very best.

The home side started the brightest as they went on the attack from the opening whistle. Dinas looked to take advantage of the wind behind them in the first half and continuously put the ball behind the Caldicot back four.

Laura Murray managed to latch on to one of the balls and coolly lifted the ball over the home side's keeper.

The visitors then started to attack with more purpose and looked for a second. Molly Chapman could have increased the lead as she ghosted in behind her full back but fired directly at the Caldicot keeper.

Caldicot had plenty of pace in attack but some strong defending kept them at bay for the first 45 minutes at least.

Dinas had a dream start to the second half as

their little Japanese midfielder freed Murray whose shot trickled over the line.

The home side threw bodies forward but Kelly Tuck, Rachel Beare, Vicki Ellison and Alicia Cox backed up by Naomi Wilson in goal defended bravely. They headed everything away, blocked crosses and tackled anything to deny Caldicot.

Dinas looked to counter attack and in Molly Chapman, Sophie Whittle, Demi Bounds and Murray they possess plenty of pace. In fact it was the left back Ellison who provided the cross for Demi Bounds to finish at the back post with a delightful lob.

Nao, Jo Jones and Sam Saunders the oldest midfielder three in the leagues played with a youthful stride today as the miles they got through must have been very high. They plugged holes and started attacks, whilst having the ability to track their runners.

Caldicot pulled a goal back late on and Dinas made their subs to add some fresh legs.

This was a very solid display from the Villagers who continue their unbeaten run to the season, well done ladies. Good luck to Luke and his ladies for their run in and see you in the SWFA cup final on April 30.

**Lee Saunders**

## Williams's winner

**EVAN WILLIAMS'S** *On The Road*, ridden by Adam Wedge, landed the £18,768 Collins Seafoods Young Chaser Series Final Handicap Chase at Sedgefield on Sunday coming home three and a half lengths ahead of the favourite *Wolf Sword*.

The seven-year-old course and distance winner was winning for the third time on the bounce. **Brian Lee**

## Vaughan's victory

**TIM VAUGHAN'S** *Debece*, which went off the 5-2 favourite, was a very easy winner at Newbury last Friday under Alan Johns, coming home 19 lengths ahead of *Leaderofthedance*.

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**Please come and meet us to view and have an input into the detailed proposals for Darren Farm, Cowbridge.**

We always try to keep local communities informed as we prepare and make our planning applications.

Taylor Wimpey is intending to apply for the approval of reserved matters for its detailed plans at Darren Farm, Cowbridge, Vale of Glamorgan.



Come and meet us from:  
12pm - 7.30pm on Wednesday 15 March 2017 at The Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, High St, Cowbridge CF71 7DD

Details correct at time of going to press.

## Chess championships

**THE last week saw three different competitions take place.**

First there was the third round of the Barry Club Championships. This was followed on the weekend by the Dyfed Congress held at Fishguard and at the same time the Bristol Congress.

In the club championships both Sam Jukes and Ken Hannah recorded their third consecutive victories.

They hold the top two places and will inevitably be paired with one another in the next round.

Pride of place goes to Sam Jukes who played in the Bristol Congress in the Major section. He was ranked 10th but with 3 wins and 2 draws from his 5 matches sam took the title earning 37 ratings points along the way.

**Phil Jones, Club Secretary**



## Tondu's win against Ystradgynlais 40 - 3



Matthew Morgan's memorable try.

DESPITE all the early pressure coming from the home side it took Tondu almost 20 minutes to open their account through a Nathan Strong try after a mix up in the visitors' defence.

Ystradgynlais replied with a penalty from Emyr Lawrence before more pressure from the home side saw centre Matthew Davies sail over for a great try. Tatchell added the conversion to give Tondu a 14 - 3 half time lead.

The second period was almost entirely Tondu and it wasn't long before Matthew Morgan scored a memorable try to finish a wonderful

move. Tatchell again adding the extra points.

Next on the score sheet was Aled (farmer) Jones who flew over in the corner to finish another sensational handling movement; by now Ystradgynlais were a well beaten side and a dominant Tondu scrum brought a penalty try for the Blue and Reds as the match moved into the final quarter.

But there was no stopping Aled Jones as the classy winger glided over in the corner for his second touchdown. Tatchell rounding things off with the touchline conversation.

Chairman Graham Thomas commented: "Today was a complete performance from forwards and backs."

**BRYNTRIRION** Comprehensive School was the venue for a St David's Day fundraising concert in support of the Urdd National Eisteddfod 2017.

The concert was a resounding success, with Bridgend Male Choir providing the backdrop for pupils from Bryntirion Comprehensive School and three local primary schools to perform.

The children from the three primary schools, Bro Ogwr, Treleas and Maes yr Haul, were well rehearsed by their respective teachers and thrilled the packed hall with their individual offerings of both traditional and newer compositions.

The performances, delivered with a clarity and confidence well beyond their age, delighted everyone with their singing, especially the parents and grandparents, who were enthusiastic in their applause.

Bryntirion Comprehensive School pupils delivered a variety of pieces, with solos by Mathew Daly and Naomi Jenkins who sang 'Tosturi Duw' and 'Fel Un' respectively. Ciera Johnson joined Matthew to sing the duet 'Barcarolle'.

More was to come when Matthew, Naomi and Ciera were joined by Claire Hawkes, Harriet Jones and Jemimah Grindell to sing the lullaby 'Suo



Young choristers take to the stage.

Gan'. Their contributions were of the highest order and hopefully success in the music field will follow.

The second half began with an energetic performance by the Bridgend Athletic's brass trio of Dan Stoodley, Iolo John and Lewis Kerrigan who entertained with 'Ar Hyd y Nos' and 'Sbosan Fach'.

Interspersed between the children's, and of course the teenagers' contributions, the male choir provided the audience with a polished and powerful performance under the guidance of its musical director, Ryan Wood.

Ryan was supported by

accompanist Stewart Roberts, who is himself the musical director of the Pendyrus Male Choir and an accomplished musician.

The choir, with the beautiful and moving hymns 'Gwahoddiad', 'Llef', 'Rhys' and 'Llanfair', together with the reflective and wistful melodies of 'Pan fo'r Nos yn Hir', written by the late Ryan Davies, and 'Yfory' provided entertainment of the highest order to a highly appreciative audience.

The final item of the evening, before the National Anthem, was the song 'Dewch Draw' which was especially written for the Eisteddfod. The song was

performed by the children's massed choir, supported enthusiastically by both the audience and the Male Choir.

Bridgend Male Choir can next be seen in concert on March 17 with Vocelle Ladies Choir and Oldcastle School Choir at St Mary's Catholic Church, Bridgend.

The concert is in support of St John's House Trust (Bridgend) which is committed to purchasing St John's House and making the property available for viewing, to inform the general public and providing an educational provision for the young people of Bridgend and its surrounds.

## Porthcawl Bridge Club's 'main event'

THE Porthcawl Duplicate Bridge Club held its main social event of the year on Thursday, February 23 - the Meskin Bowl (handicap), and the Meskin Cup (scratch).

In days gone by, the event was held in one of the plush hotels in Porthcawl (the old Esplanade or the Seabank) - dinner suit and gowns, but sadly times have changed.

However an excellent buffet supper is still provided by the lady committee members, Sue Anthony and Trish Saunders; Meskin Cup

and the standard of bridge is probably better.

The club also held a heat of the Welsh Bridge Union's simultaneous pairs in which duplicated hands are played at several clubs across Wales, and the results are scored centrally.

Sue and Trish won in the club, but were overtaken in the national rankings by Keith and Tony who finished fourth.

**Latest results are:**

Saturday February 18. First - Tony Haworth and John Beard; second -

Keith and Mair Davison.

Thursday February 23.

Meskin Bowl winners -

Sue Anthony and Trish

Saunders; Meskin Cup

winners - Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

Saturday February 25. First - Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second - Dil and Marian Evans.

Thursday March 2. - WBU Simultaneous Pairs. First - Sue Anthony and Trish Saunders; second - Tony Haworth and Keith Davison.

The club meets twice a week - Saturday and Thursday at the Awel-y-Mor centre 7pm. - 10.15 pm. - visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary - Trish - 01656 785794.

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## Young pups looking for a home win!



**STAFF at Dogs Trust Bridgend are hoping that a litter of eight-week-old rugby-loving Staffy pups, named after Wales players, will bring the national team good luck in the Six Nations.**

The four-legged line-up - Luke Charteris, Alun Wyn Jones, Sam Paburton, Rhodri Jones, Jake Fetch-Ball, and Leigh Halfpenny - were named ahead of the clash against Scotland in Edinburgh.

The pups were brought into Dogs Trust Bridgend when just two

weeks old, after their mother fell ill and couldn't feed them.

Angela Wetherall, Dogs Trust Bridgend Rehoming Centre manager, said: "We have dogs of all shapes at sizes at the centre, and while they may not be selected as forwards, props or scrum halves in a rugby line up, they all have one thing in common and that's to find a winning home."

If you would like to know more about the pooches looking for a home at Dogs Trust Bridgend, call the Rehoming Centre on 0300 303 0292.

## Bridgend planning applications

Mrs J Allen - 82 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend - renewal of outline consent P/07/1099/OUT for one dwelling house at Furzebrook, 82 Merthyr Mawr Road.

Mrs Ellen Watts - 115 Llangewydd Road, Bridgend - bedroom and ensuite single storey extension.

Mrs Maria Hudd - 16 Pen y Mynydd, Bettws, Bridgend - bedroom and single storey extension and shower/WC conversion of dining room.

Mr Abbott - 13 Ger y Coed, Brackla, Bridgend - gable roof porch to front of property.

Mr John Wright and Angela Feltham - 74 Austin Avenue, Porthcawl - non-material amendment to P/16/915/FUL.

Mr AR Griffiths - 72 Beach Road, Newton, Porthcawl - approval of details for conditions 3 and 4 and relax conditions 5 and 6 of P/14/168/FUL.

Mr Rhys Jones - 2a The Spinney, Brackla, Bridgend - two storey side extension.

Porthcawl Harbourside CIC - Porthcawl Sea Cadets Building, East Pier, Porthcawl - demolition of the existing Porthcawl Sea Cadets Building, East Pier.

(Wales) Ltd - Nottage, Porthcawl - P/14/518/FUL.

Miss Eleanor Woodham - 9 Heol Shon, Cefn Cribwr, Bridgend - demolition of existing outbuilding shower/lobby/store single storey extension and ramped access arrangement.

Mr Heddwyn James - Plot 16, land north of Abergarw Farm, Brynmenyn - approval of details for conditions 2, 4, 5 and 6 P/16/253/RES.

Mr Richard Bluett - land rear of 99 Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend - discharge of conditions 2, 4 and 6 of P/14/137/OUT.

Nr Andrew Singer - Llwynrhos, 3

Clevis Hill, Newton, Porthcawl - remove Pittosporum tree due to wall collapse.

Mr and Mrs Bending - 3 Cwrt y Cadno, Pen y Fai, Bridgend - removal of existing conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension.

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## News from Sker WI

ON March 1, 10 members of Sker WI attended the Hunter's Lodge at Brackla, where Coity WI held a craft evening.

Marilyn Pipe, who is a textile artist and tutor at Denman, gave an extremely interesting talk on her life and how she started crafting. Marilyn spent six years at college, part time, to learn as much as possible about the

different aspects of craft.

There was a large display on show of the articles she had made, in a wide variety of materials. They included pictures, scarves, handbags and scrapbooks, which were made from paper, material and one had a base of chicken wire. It was an evening enjoyed by all those present.

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Peacefully on Monday, 27 February, with his partner Cherrie and brother Kevin by his side at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff from complications following heart surgery.

*Tony will be sadly missed by all.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare. To be received into St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Court Road, Barry, CF63 4ET on Sunday, 12 March at 4.00pm. Requiem Mass on Monday, 13 March at 10.00am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral or sent to Cardiac Unit, the University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, CF14 4XW, c/o Mrs L Barrett.

### BENTLEY

**Catherine Rhoda**  
(née Bennett)

Suddenly but peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on February 28, 2017, Cath, aged 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Fred, much loved mum of Anne and son-in-law Alun.

*Cath will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Tuesday, March 14 at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired for The British Heart Foundation c/o the funeral director.

### REES

**Sian**

Daughter of the late Alwyn and Margaret Rees. Sadly on March 5th after a long and brave battle with illness, Sian passed away peacefully and serenely surrounded by family friends.

*"One of life's earth angels"*

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son until the funeral service in St. Illtud's Church on Monday, 20th March at 11.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 1.15pm.

Family flowers only please. - donations to NeoNatal Unit, University Hospital of Wales.

### HARRIS

**Reninghelst Alfred**

Peacefully at the Bellavista Nursing Home, Barry on March 4th, Ren, aged 96 years, formerly of Fomnon Road, Rhose. Dearly beloved husband of the late Maud.

*Ren will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.*

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, March 20th at 3pm. Immediate family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to a charity of your choice.

### BERGLAND

(Née Irish)

**Patricia (Pat)**

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on March 5th. Pat of Newlands Street, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of John, much loved mum of Deborah and Yvonne. Mother-in-law of James and John. Special gran of Kyle, Jessica, Kylie and Ben, great-nan of Sienna.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service in the chapel on Tuesday, March 21st at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Tower, Brigeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

### ROBERTS

**Jean Ellen (née Helm)**

The family regret to announce that on February 28, 2017 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, after a long battle with ongoing illnesses and only being diagnosed with cancer in late January of this year, Jean aged 68 years.

Beloved wife of the late Len, much loved sister of Diane and David, loved aunt of Caroline, Matthew, Fran and Steven. Known by many for walking her poodle Sadie and her love of dogs. All that met and knew her would be welcomed by all the family.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, March 13 at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired for Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth c/o the funeral director.

### BAKER

**Wendy Estella**

Peacefully at Holme Towers, Penarth, Wendy, much loved wife of the late Sidney, loving mother of Kerry and mother-in-law of Kevin. Grandmother of Peter, James and Georgia and great grandmother of Ifan.

*Will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.*

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fomnon. Funeral service on Thursday, March 16 in Sully Church at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Holme Towers Marie Curie Centre c/o J. James, 11 Fomnon Road, Rhose, CF62 3DZ.

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*He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.*

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the graveside service in Boverton Cemetery on Saturday, 11th March at 11am.

### EVANS

**Brian George**

Suddenly after a short illness, Brian, aged 72 years, retired of Lex Accountant, beloved husband of Jean, loved brother of Robert, Alan and Graham.

*Brian will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.*

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### HARRIS

**Suzanne Elizabeth**

Peacefully on 2nd March at her home in Bridgend, with family by her side, Sue (Bev), aged 61 years. Dearly loved mum to Sian and James, much loved daughter of Diana and Brian.

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### WILLIAMS

**Dorothy Mary (née Paulding)**

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff on February 26th, Dorothy of Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Owen, much loved mum of Alan and Jane, mother-in-law of Barbara and Mark. Adored nan of Karen, Cathy, Emily, Jess and John, great-nan of William, Cory and Harry.

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### MAVIN

**Pamela Dianne (Pam)**

On 28th February 2017 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth after an illness borne with indomitable courage, dignity and style. Pam of Llantwit Major, devoted wife of Phil, much loved mum of Paul and the late Sarah (Sass). Loving mother-in-law of Billie and proud grandmother of Harry and Lola.

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## Acknowledgement

### WINSTONE

**Peter**

Diane, Andrew and family wish to thank those who attended Peter's funeral and for the many cards and flowers sent.

We wish to thank Rev Canon David Brunning for the lovely service, the doctors and nurses of the Vale Surgery, Velindre Hospital for their wonderful care, David and Sheralee for their devotion, to Jeff for being such a good brother and Eileen for being such a good friend. Also, thanks to Elizabeth Kirkham and Chris for preparing the lovely food.

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## To Barry on Britannia!

by BRIAN KEITCH



SS Britannia.

**P**ADDLE steamer *Britannia* – flagship of Peter and Alec Campbell's White Funnel fleet for 50 years – had a reputation for speed – up to 20 knots.

Seen here towards the end of her 60-year career off Sully Island, there's no doubting that she is making fair headway in a brisk evening breeze en route to Barry pier, sometime in the 1950s.

Alas, the paucity of customers on board was a feature of that decade for the ships, resulting in insolvency in 1956 and effective bankruptcy in August 1958, when a receiver was called in to take control of affairs.

Following reconstruction of sorts (including the end of the paddle steamer era) P & A Campbell Ltd plodded on with largely geriatric motorships until 1980 when the inevitable came. Paddle steamer *Waverley* and motor vessel *Balmoral* have attempted to fill the gap with varying degrees of success since then.

Meanwhile, back to Sully/Swanbridge – before the purpose-built excursion steamers took to the water a variety of early steam-powered packets and tugs made a welcome bonus to their incomes by making special excursions in the summer months; the Holms Islands were particularly popular because there were pubs there, which were apparently free from excise duties and other restrictions!

Sully's claim to fame as a passenger 'port' was short-lived. The Swansea to Bristol packet steamers *Glamorgan* and *Bristol* called here, commencing in 1823 as a connection for Cardiff.

However, in March 1834 the wooden paddler *Nautilus* started a ferry run from a fast-developing seaport of Cardiff to Bristol. From the following year – February 1835 – Sully ceased to be a proxy port of Cardiff and had little to offer to passenger ships, as no references to Sully as a destination appear thereafter. Tell me if there are!

Sea excursions did, however, visit the then 'Barry Island' for a play on the beach and a pint.

Meanwhile, back to the 'Brit'. Built by S McKnight & Co Ltd, Ayr; she was the third of Campbell's 'flyers' constructed between 1894 and 1896 to 'run off' other steam boat companies' operations on the Severn sea, the others being the *Westward Ho* and the *Cambria*.

Enthusiasts back then had entertaining – even heated – debates as to which ship was the 'Cock of the Channel', ie the fastest: 18, 19, 19.5, 20 knots and so on. But with

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And paddle steamer *Britannia*? She was the flagship of the fleet until the arrival of the brand new *Bristol Queen* built by Hill's of Bristol in 1946. She saw service in both World Wars carrying different names.

*Britannia* sailed on most of Campbell's routes including the south coast of England. She suffered badly through poor maintenance in the Second World War, and shortly after return to service in 1946 her boiler collapsed. Up until then she had always had one funnel, but the new replacement boiler required two – and various alterations to the ship (as we see in the picture).

A main mast was added to the vessel in 1954 in accordance with Board of Trade requirements (as for all of the fleet) but following the withdrawal of her consort paddle steamer *Ravenswood* of 1891 (which was scrapped in John Cashmore's yard at the end of 1955) it was the *Britannia*'s turn the following year in the same place.

A 'last excursion' was run from Bristol to Ilfracombe on September 26, 1956 amid much in the way of fly-pasts (by the *Britannia* aircraft from Bristol) and speeches. However, despite her being put up for sale another Campbell steamer – *Glen Usk* – came out in sympathy, allowing the Brit a few more days sailing on the Cardiff-Weston ferry.

In December that year, she was reduced to pieces. John Cashmore's yard had one more White Funnel ship to deal with – *Cardiff Queen* – but not until 1968.

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Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2017/00197/LBC  
Proposal/Cynnig: Demolition of existing flat roof garage and build new one 24, Archer Road, Penarth

Location:/Lleoliad: Grade II  
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Application No./ Rhif y cais: 2017/00112/FUL  
Proposal/Cynnig: Replacement dwelling and garage 8, Cliff Parade, Penarth

Location:/Lleoliad: Affecting Sea Roads, 5, Cliff Parade, Penarth, Grade II  
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Dated / Dyddiedig: 9 March, 2017

V. L. Robinson  
Operational Manager,  
Regeneration and Planning,  
Vale of Glamorgan Council,  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

LICENSING ACT 2003  
To whom it may concern:  
We (Llancarfan & District Community Association) do hereby give notice that we have applied to the Licensing Authority of the Vale of Glamorgan Council for the grant of a premises licence at Llancarfan Village Hall. This application is for the sale of alcohol between the hours of 9.00am and 11.00pm Monday to Sunday. Any persons wishing to make representations to this application may do so in writing to:- The Licensing Department, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU, not later than 28 days after the date of this notice. Representations received after this date will not be considered. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Civic Offices during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application. The maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000. Signed: LDCA Secretary Date: February 25, 2017

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## Cottrell Park Ladies battle it out on St David's Day

**THE sun came out for the ladies of Cottrell Park on their St David's Day competition, which was a battle against the wind but still enjoyable**

Two teams, the Daffodils and the Leeks played a nine-hole competition, with the best two out of three scores counting on the Mackintosh course.

The Daffodils won with 152 points against the Leeks 137. Bouquets of spring flowers were presented by Jeannette Williams, the ladies' captain to the best group in each team.

In the Daffodils, it was Anne Birt, Regina Drew

and Patsie Smith with 30 points, and in the Leeks it was Rose Dawson, Anne Woosnam and Jan Gambling (27).

There was excitement when Regina Drew scored a hole in one on the eighth hole and she was congratulated by the captain.

A raffle was held with all the prizes having a Welsh theme. Sandwiches and chips were enjoyed by all.

Jeannette thanked those who had helped to organise the day - Angela Padfield for the flowers, Alma Davies for the raffle and Margaret Thomas the competition. Anne Birt gave a vote of thanks. **CB**



*The top performers in the Leeks team, with ladies captain Jeannette Williams (second left)...*



*The top performers in the Daffodils team.*

## School does the Welsh Saint proud!



*Above and below: St Athan pupils and staff get into the spirit of the day!*



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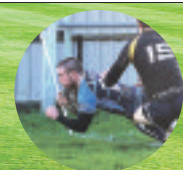




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## Wales need to remember how good they are!

by Don John

THE at times turbulent history of clashes between two proud Celtic cousins, since they first squared up at Lansdown Road, Dublin on January 28, 1882 in the old Home Nations tournament – all of 135 years ago – has often given special meaning to the term 'close-fought'!

Wales may have emerged with the spoils in 67 encounters, to Ireland's 50 (with seven matches drawn), but there has been many a notorious occasion in the distant past when passions have spilled over and blood spilled, with no quarter expected – or given – by either side!

Not, of course, that we can expect such unpalatable scenes to be repeated in the 125th clash at Cardiff's Principality Stadium on Friday evening, though it should not lack for drama and intensity with so much at stake for both sides.

The Irish have shrugged off the shock of their surprise defeat by the resurgent Scots and still retain hopes of frustrating an English back-to-back Grand Slam and claiming the RBS Six Nations championship for themselves.

After losing to both England and Scotland, Wales have no such hopes, but nevertheless see this as a must-win match, as one of only two chances, not only to rescue a respectable place in the final table, but to safeguard against another 'group of death' seeding in the next Rugby World Cup draw.

Both sets of players, of course, will also have half an eye on the Irish and British Lions' summer tour to New Zealand, and will be keen to remind watching tour coach Warren Gatland of their credentials – with Welsh hopefuls, in particular, knowing they have much ground to make up after the second half, error-filled horror show in Edinburgh.

Mind you, that could also apply to assistant coaches appointed for the tour – like Wales' caretaker head coach, Robert Howley, who will be keen to get out of the firing line after media speculation over how much decisions made off the field of play have been a factor in recent, inconsistent displays.

Perhaps, above all, the coaching team will want to settle any questions over their tactical thinking and effectiveness in preparing and motivating the squad to perform to their true potential.

A good place to start will be on Friday evening against the Irish. Wales will run out as bookies' underdogs, but that is a mantle they don easily; and this talented squad know that if they can only remember how good they are, and replicate the wonderful-ly-committed display that almost undid England, victory is well within their grasp. So, Come on, Wales!

## NEW FACES – BUT ATH ARE TOO STRONG FOR YSTALYFERA



Dan James crosses for his second try.



Chris John crosses for his try. All photos by John Cannon.

Bridgend Athletic 35 Ystalyfera 3  
National League Div 1 Central

**BRIDGEND Athletic got back on track with their third seasonal double of the season, defeating the only surviving Division One West Central side in the National Plate Cup, Ystalyfera (who have reached the semi-final stage).**

Their five try 35-3 bonus point victory followed an earlier season 31-15 bonus point victory away to the same opponents.

Only five Athletic players, front row forwards Matt Muir and Lee Murphy, lock Griff Davies and No 8 Stuart Edbrook and flanker Ben Howe started both games.

The Athletic fielded a completely different back division this time, with four youth team players, half backs Dan James, Luke Bevan, centre Stuart Floyd-Ellis and full back Sam Richards lining up alongside centre Aled Thomas and wings Harry Griffiths and Liam Phillips.

Wayne Fooks, Jonathon Stoker and Chris John were the other forwards to start who didn't play in the reverse fixture.

On a wet and muddy surface the game was mainly

a battle of attrition at forward. Ystalyfera drew first blood in the second minute when a collapsed scrum resulted in a penalty goal for outside half Gareth James.

The Athletic responded with a driving lineup from the visitors 22 which resulted in hooker Lee Murphy's first try of the season. Outside half Luke Bevan converted.

Matt Muir and Griff Davies carried well into the visitors 22 and then No 8 Stuart Edbrook picked up from a set scrum and repeated his try-scoring act at Ystalyfera, with his fourth try of the season, which Bevan also converted.

Another Athletic driving line out saw scrum half Dan James spot a gap to race over from 10 metres unopposed. Bevan's third conversion saw his side lead 21-3 at half time.

Ystalyfera were proving difficult to overcome and pressurised the Athletic inside the home 22. Turnover ball saw replacement hooker Nathan Holman feed scrum half Dan James, who broke the first line of defence to pin back his ears and race 75 metres for an excellent solo try.

This bonus point try was the youngster's sixth of the season in only nine appearances. Bevan again added the extras.

The Athletic brought on fresh legs with Zach Evans, Sean Williams and Tom Jenkins joining the action.

The back row trio of No 8 Stuart Edbrook, and flankers Ben Howe and Chris John had made a number of big hits throughout the game. They combined to release Chris John on the 'fer 22. He ran through a few defenders to cross for his third try of the season.

It was also the Athletics' 50th league try of the season and brought up their 350 league points. Bevan kept up his 100 per cent record with his fifth conversion to cap an excellent overall performance, helping keep his team on the front foot with well-judged line kicks.

Team manager Paul Hearne commented "It was a very good bonus point win. Ystalyfera made us work hard for all the points."

"This puts us back in a good position to challenge for top spot in the league. We have some challenging fixtures coming up but we have to be confident."

The Athletic are away at Seven Sisters this Saturday, March 11, before playing a rearranged fixture against Ammanford on Friday night, March 17, at the Bridgend Ford Brewery Field, kick off 7.15pm.

Adrian Burt



Try scorer Lee Murphy on the charge.

## Pencoed tough it out for deserved away win

**WITH the elements in their favour, Pencoed dominated the opening quarter territorially but had to wait until the 26th minute before opening the scoring at Cwmavon.**

Full back Ryan Russell broke down the right evading a couple of home defenders to feed wing Jamie Dyer, who did extremely well to squeeze in at the corner flag.

The Pencoed front row of James Tredray, debutant youth hooker Zac Taylor, and Brandon Nelson were in the ascendancy and several dominant scrums approaching the interval kept Pencoed on top, however the score remained 0-5 at the break.

Pencoed then got an early foothold in the home 22 on the resumption of play and a couple of effective carries from prop Nelson set up the second try, supporting second row Ricky Somers unselfishly providing the try scoring pass to David Young who ran around behind the posts, Jamie Pensom adding the extras.

Cwmavon then went on to enjoy their best period of the match with the changes to their pack giving them impetus at the set piece.

Going into the final 10 minutes, the home side were camped on the Pencoed try line but a superb committed defensive effort from Pencoed denied Cwmavon a score.

Keeping their line intact during this onslaught was to ultimately win them the match, with one hit from centre Lloyd Bargery deep in his own 22 typifying the Pencoed resolve.

This much-changed youthful Pencoed squad deserved this hard-fought win and will look to consolidate their top half of the table position over their remaining games.

On Saturday Pencoed host Nantymoel at the Recreation Ground in Division 2 West Central, 2.30pm ko.

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## MARIE CURIE SWIMATHON

**SWIMATHON, the world's biggest annual fundraising swim is back for 2017 and swimmers are being encouraged to jump in one of over 600 participating pools and raise vital funds for Marie Curie, the UK's leading charity for people living with a terminal illness and their families.**

The event will take place across the weekend of April 7 – 9 when Swimathon will be celebrating its 30th anniversary.

Swimmers can challenge themselves to the 5k, 2.5k or 1.5k individual or team 5k or 1.5k distances and raise funds for Marie Curie, which runs the hospice in Penarth.

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## LATEST RESULTS FROM THE BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB

The results for recent events at Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

**Wednesday, March 1.** Welsh Simultaneous Pairs: First, Tony Disney and John Evans; second, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; equal third, Steve Burgoyne and Bill Turner and Marjorie Morris and Wendy Williams.

Winners on handicap were Irene Thomas and Graham Jones.

**Thursday, March 2.** First, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; second, Geoff and Christine

Tinkler; third, John Henson and Chris Rawlings.

Winners on handicap were Dylis Bowser and V Irene Thomas.

**Friday, March 3.** The Max Powell Rose Bowl: First, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts; second, Tony and Emer Disley; third, Jenny Vaughan and Irene Thomas.

As the scoring on this event was by the Butler method there were no handicap winners.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall at 7pm. It

helps if players arrive 10 minutes early in order make a prompt start.

On Thursday afternoons, again at Nolton Church Hall at 2pm, there is a gentle bridge session. Master points are awarded and advice is available on the bidding.

Lessons for beginners take place on Thursday mornings at 11.30am with a seminar for improvers at 1.30pm.

For further information about the club please contact Steve Burgoyne 01656 661968, John Evans 01656 880372 or David Newman 01656 649138.